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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1994-Current: President - Pomeroy Appraisal Associates, Inc.
1986-1994: Executive Vice-President - Pomeroy Appraisal Associates, Inc.
1984-1986: Vice-President / Secretary - Pomeroy Appraisal Associates, Inc.
1974-1984: Staff Appraiser - Pomeroy Appraisal Associates, Inc.

EDUCATION:

Cornell University: Bachelor of Science – College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
Syracuse University: graduate studies
Appraisal Institute: appraisal valuation courses and seminars
American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers: appraisal valuation courses & seminars
International Right-of-Way Association: appraisal courses
NYS Assessors Association: appraisal courses

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS:

MAI #6935 -Appraisal Institute (1)

ARA #623 -American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers (2)

- (1) Member, Appraisal Institute (MAI) designation is awarded by the Appraisal Institute to those members who have years of experience, are technically trained, have passed a rigid examination and subscribe to a high code of ethics.
- (2) I hold the Accredited Rural Appraiser (ARA) designation which is awarded by the American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers to those members who have years of experience, are technically trained, have passed a rigid examination and subscribe to a high code of ethics.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Appraisal Institute (1979-present)

Chapter Committees: Admissions (1985-1989); Chapter Admissions, Chairperson (1987-89);
Regional Standards Panel (1986-91); AIREA/SREA Unification (1991-92)

Chapter Offices: Director (1990), Secretary (1991), Treasurer (1992), Secretary (2007-08)

American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers (1975-present)

National Committees: By-Laws (1980-81), Young Professionals (1981-84), Appraisal Manual (1984-85), Regional Membership (1985-1988), National Appraisal Review Committee Chairman (1988-94), Rural Appraisal Book (1993-1995), Long Range Planning (1995), Executive Council (1995-98), Annual Meeting (1997 & 1999); Chair, Publications Commission, Valuation 2000 (1998-2000); The Appraisal Foundation Advisory Council (2002-04); Strategic Planning Task Force (2003-04); Editorial Co-Chair (1998-2002) and Chair (2002-2008);

National Office: District I Vice President (1995-1998)

Chapter (Northeast) Offices: Secretary-Treasurer (1979-89); Vice-President (1989-91);

President (1991-93); Director (1993-96)

International Right-of-Way Association - Chapter #18 (1982-present)

International Association of Assessing Officers (1999-present)

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: (continued)

New York State Society of Real Estate Appraisers
New York State Assessors Association, Inc.
Cornell Real Estate Council
Empire State Forest Products Association
Past Regional Advisor - State Board of Real Estate Appraisal

LICENSES:

NYS Certified General Appraiser #46-00000060
NYS Consultant Appraiser - New York State (1978 to present)
NYS Qualified Appraisal Course Instructor – all appraisal course levels (1991 to present)
NYS Notary Public

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified by Appraisal Institute through December 31, 2013
Certified by ASFMRA through December 31, 2010
Certified by NY Department of State through October 7, 2009
Certification from Valuation of Conservation Easements course - 2008
Gold Quill Award for Journalism from ASFMRA - 1985
Certificate of Appreciation - Appraisal Review Committee Chairman
Silver Plow Award - 10+ years as Chapter Secretary/Treasurer from ASFMRA
Silver Cow Award for Contribution to Dairy Agribusiness from Onondaga County
Dairy Promotion Committee

PUBLICATIONS:

“Is Your Forest Land Fairly Assessed?” – Empire Envoy, Empire State Forest Products Association, Vol. 97, No. 5, August 2004
“Conservation Easements: a Review of Alternative Valuation Methods” – Journal of Property Economics, co-published by American Society of Appraisers, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, International Association of Assessing Officers and National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers, Volume 1, Issue 1, 2004
The Appraisal of Rural Property, 2nd Edition, 2000, co-published by ASFMRA and Appraisal Institute – Dairy Farm Chapter
“Timberland Assessments” – Farming, January 2001
“Gas Pipelines: Are They a Detriment or an Enhancement for Crops?”
Journal of ASFMRA, 2000; republished in International Right-of-Way Magazine, Dec. 2000
“Timberland Valuation” – CFA News, Catskill Forest Association, Inc., Fall 1999
"Understanding Development Rights from Both the Appraiser and Consultant Perspective" Seminar for ASFMRA, May 1997
Farm Assessment Problems, a 5-part series - New York Farmer, 1996-1997
"Conservation Easements & Valuation Issues" - Appraisal Views, Valuation International, Ltd., 2nd Quarter, 1996
Rural Appraisal Manual, ASFMRA, 6th Edition, 1986 - Revision Committee
"Using the Income Approach for Specialized Agricultural Properties"
- Journal of the ASFMRA, April 1985
"Do You Need a Professional Appraiser?" - American Agriculturist, January 1983

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TEACHING AND LECTURING EXPERIENCE:

ASFMRA Northeast Chapter: Agricultural Valuation, Conservation Easements
ASFMRA Ohio Chapter: Conservation Easements
Cornell Cooperative Extension: Farm Assessment Problems, Agricultural Conservation Easements
Cornell University: Appraisal Issues, Eminent Domain, Conservation Easements, Indian Land Claims
Federal Land Bank: Highest & Best Use Analysis
International Right-of-Way Association Chapter 18: Conservation Easement Valuation
NYS Assessors Association: Farm Valuation, Income Capitalization Approach,
Conservation Easement Valuation, Waterfront Valuation, Mini-Marts and Convenience Stores,
Partial Interests Valuation, Appraisal Report Review, Mixed-Use Property Valuation
NYS Association of County Directors: Conservation Easements: Alternative Valuation Methods
Ohio State University: Conservation Easement Valuation
Onondaga Community College: Real Estate Principles
Onondaga County Assessors Association: Farm Valuation, Agricultural Conservation Easements,
Convenience Stores
Upstate NY Chapter (Appraisal Institute): Valuations in Indian Land Claims, Eminent Domain
Analysis, Catastrophic Event, Natural (Tourist) Attraction, Current Use v. Highest and Best Use

COURT EXPERIENCE:

Testified before US Federal District Court*; NY State Court of Claims; NY State Supreme Court;
Massachusetts Court; Commissions and Hearings throughout NY State
*One case involving Indian Claims was reviewed and upheld by the US Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Career responsibilities bridge a wide scope of public, institutional and private assignments dealing with condemnations, mortgage financing, tax matters, zoning, easements and general valuation questions. Projects include Indian land claims, rights-of-way acquisition, railroad valuation, urban redevelopment, waste disposal, water use and hydro-power valuation matters, watersheds, airports, pipeline and powerline corridors, agricultural crop analysis, and environmental analysis. Assignments have dealt with office buildings, shopping centers, most types of commercial and industrial properties, apartment complexes, hotels and motels, churches, schools, all types of agricultural properties, timberland, freshwater and tidal wetlands, landfills, all types of recreational and residential properties, and conservation easements and utility line easements.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Onondaga County Waste-to-Energy Facility: Citizens Advisory Committee (1991-2000),
Chairman (1993-1994); Property Value Stabilization, Sub-Committee Chairman (1991-2000)
Town of Onondaga: Environmental Advisory Council (1976-81); Fire Training Center Bylaws
(Chairman 1986); Length Of Service Awards Program (Chairman 1989-91, 2000-02, 2004-05)
Onondaga Central Schools Committees: Facilities Advisory (1989-90); Citizens Advisory
(1994,'95,'96); Building Planning (1994-96); Facilities Development (1997); Academic/Building
Advisory (2000-2003); Capital Project Advisory (2005-08)
St. Camillus Health & Rehabilitation Center: Trustee (1987-1992); Development Comm. (1990-1992)
Cornell University: Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (1989-present); Alumni Career Link
(1989-present)
South Onondaga Fire Department: Member (1970-present); President (1978-85, 1989-94, 2000-2009);
Director (1985-87; 1988-89; 1994-2000); supervised construction of new fire station (1990-91)
New York State Emergency Medical Technician for over 30 years
Corpus Christi Catholic Church: Building Committee (1991-92)
South Onondaga Water District – proposed and approved (2000-01)