

Items of Value, Inc.

A Full-Service Appraisal and Estate Sale Firm

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Qualifications of Our Appraisers (summary)

Dr. Jerome C. Ford has been an independent registered appraiser since 1980, having worked in association with another appraiser from 1976 until then. In 1982, he authored the brochure “Moveable Property Appraisals for Individuals, Businesses, and Organizations” to provide much needed information to the public on what a complete appraisal should contain. Dr. Ford has set a standard for scientific appraisals which are both comprehensive and supportable based on careful descriptions plus knowledge of current and changing market values. In 1990, at the invitation of The Legal Resources Group, Inc., he authored an article for attorneys on “Choosing the Right Appraiser”. This article has been well received and much quoted. In addition to considerable knowledge of specific areas of antiques, fine art, and collectibles, Dr. Ford knows the cost to repair items, so he can confidently provide damage/repair appraisals for individuals, insurance companies, and moving/storage firms. Since Items of Value, Inc. conducts estate sales regularly, he also knows current selling prices. Such knowledge is essential for establishing fair market value of items in an estate.

Mr. Christian Lietwiler is a registered appraiser of jewelry and gemstones. He received a certificate as “master gemologist appraiser” from the Accredited Gemologist Association, another certificate as “graduate gemologist” from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA), and holds a diploma from the Gemmological Association of Great Britain. He has been doing appraisals since 1982. A portion of his work involves providing second opinion appraisals and reappraisals of jewelry items for insurance coverage.