



BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS

THOM UNDERWOOD GG, FGA, ASA, CSM MASTER GEMOLOGIST APPRAISER®

- Education:** Gemological Institute of America (GIA)
Gemological Association of Great Britain (GAGB)
North Carolina Wesleyan College (BA Chemistry 1971)
- Business:** Owner, San Diego Gemological Laboratory
AGA Certified Laboratory Number 110
Owner, Quantum Leap Software Solutions
Forty years' experience in the jewelry industry as goldsmith, jewelry store owner, and appraiser
- Expert Witness:
Qualifications:** Qualified before the Superior Court of San Diego and Ventura
Graduate Gemologist (GIA) 1981
Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain (FGA) 2004 - present
American Society of Appraisers (ASA),
Senior Member 1986, Re-certification 1993, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017
Master Gemologist Appraiser® 1984, Re-certification 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017
International Secretary, Gems and Jewelry Discipline (ASA) 1993-1994
Board Member, Gems and Jewelry Discipline (ASA) 1993-1997
International Board Member (ASA) 2012 – 2016
National Association of Jewelry Appraisers (NAJA) 1994 – present
Certified Senior Member (CSM) 2008 – present
Member, Jewelers Vigilance Committee
Task Force on Appraisal Guidelines 1993-1998
Member, Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA) 1983 - present
President, Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA) 1997-2001
Chair, Computer Technology Committee (AGA) 1988-1997
Editor, Cornerstone (AGA) 1992-1993, 1997-2001
Chair, Certified Gem Laboratory program (AGA) 2006 - 2015
Computer Technologies Editor for National Jeweler 1992-1996
International Lecturer on computer applications in the jewelry industry and also Appraisal and Insurance Documentation.
Member, Scottish Gemmological Association 2010 - present
Founding Member, Association of Independent Jewelry Valuers (AIJV)
- Courses:** Attended ISA Core courses 101, 102, 103 1993
Audited ASA Level courses 1, 2, 3, 4 1993 -1994, (3) 2001, GJ203 2017
Attended AGA International Conference on Gemology 1983 - present
Attended ASA Annual Conference 1992-1997, 2000 – 2002, 2006, 07, 09, 13, 14, 15
Attended ISA Annual Conference 1996, 1998 (Program Chair), 2005 (Speaker)
Attended NAJA Annual Conference 2004, 2005 (Speaker), 2006 – present
Attended NAG Registered Valuers Conference 1996, 97, 03 (Speaker),
07 (Speaker), 10, 12
Attended Scottish Gemmological Conference 2002 – 2010, 2014
USPAP Recertification 2017