



# *Altobelli Appraisal Services*

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## **COSMO A. ALTOBELLI, G.G., C.G.A.**

### **Curriculum Vita 2011**

#### OCCUPATION:

President, Altobelli Jewelers, Inc.  
1974 to Present

Jeweler: Third generation, actively engaged over 43 years as a platinum, gold & silversmith, watch & clock maker, designer, mold-maker, wax carver, engraver, diamond & colored stone setter, caster and polisher.

Forensic Appraiser: 60 years of experience- jewelry, gemstones, carvings, minerals, antiques, watches, clocks, coins and related articles.

Business, security and inventory analyst.

Testimony in over 100 cases, civil & criminal

Appraised the Gemological Institute of America Gem & Mineral Collection  
Kuwaiti Government asked for hypothetical appraisals on lost jewelry during Gulf War

#### LECTURES:

39 years of teaching appraisal procedures, techniques, application and interpretation of fair market value, evaluation theory, market research, methodology, report writing, etc., for:

- American Gem Society, Conclaves and national Guilds for over 40 years
- American Society of Appraisers Conferences
- California Jewelry Association seminars
- American Gem Trade Association seminars
- Gemological Institute of America classes
- Gemological Institute of America Alumni Association seminars
- International Society of Appraiser Conferences
- National Association of Jewelry Appraisers Conferences

#### MEDIA INTERVIEWS:

NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN network television, local television and radio, Los Angeles newspapers, national industry and news magazines.

#### EDUCATION:

Woodbury University, 1948-49

Gemological Institute of America, resident program, 1949

International Society of Appraisers Courses 101-102-103, Associate Degree 1985

AGS Colorvision Test, 2011

DEGREES:

Graduate Gemologist, Gemological Institute of America, 1968

Certified Gemologist, American Gem Society, 1969

Certified Gemologist Appraiser, American Gem Society, 1983

INDUSTRY POSITIONS:

Chair, American Gem Society Appraisals Committee, 1975-present

Trustee, Chief Financial Officer, American Gem Society, 1991-98

President, American Gem Society, So. Calif. Guild, 1971

Director, American Gem Society, Int'l Board, 1977-2002

Founding Director, L.A. County Museum Gem & Mineral Council

Chair, Council of Jewelry Appraisal Organizations, 1997-98, 2000-01, 2005-08

INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS:

American Gem Society

Gemological Institute of America Alumni Association

Council of Jewelry Appraisal Organizations (Founder)

PUBLICATIONS:

AGS "*Jewelry Appraisal Guidelines*", author, 1981

AGS "*Handbook of Gem and Jewelry Appraising*", author, 1986

AGS "*The Practical Guide to Jewelry Appraising*", author, 2000-2009 (3 editions)

AGS "*The Practical Guide to Jewelry Appraising Addendum*", 2002

ARTICLES:

*Jewelers' Circular Keystone*, Radnor, PA

*Modern Jeweler*, Shawnee Mission KS

*The Goldsmith*, N.Y.

*National Jeweler*, N.Y.

*Spectra*, American Gem Society, Las Vegas, NV

VIDEO TRAINING:

Gemological Institute of America "*Appraisals and the Professional Jeweler*,"

Playwright and technical adviser, 1981

TRAVEL (*Purchase and research of gems, jewelry and gem materials*):

Hong Kong, Bangkok, Tokyo, Idar-Oberstein, Nairobi, Taipei, Colombo, Jaipur,

Bombay, Calcutta, Kimberley, Rome, Milan, Vicenza, Arezzo, Valenza, Brussels,

Antwerp, Singapore, Teheran, Istanbul, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, London and Sydney.

AWARDS:

International Society of Appraisers, Special Award-

Most outstanding contribution in the Appraisal profession, 1986

American Gem Society, Robert M. Shipley Award-

Most Outstanding Contribution in the Appraisal Profession, 1987

American Gem Society & The Jewelers Education Foundation

Cosmo Altobelli Appraisal Foundation Program, 1997

National Jeweler Magazine

Retailer Hall of Fame, 2001

American Gem Society

For the development of the Certified Gemologist Appraiser Program, 2003

American Gem Society, Southern California Guild

Distinguished Service Award for contribution to the Appraisal Profession, 2003

American Gem Society, AGS Library Named "Cos Altobelli Library" 2011

COMMUNITY POSITIONS:

President, Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce, 1961  
President, Toluca Lake Rotary Club, 1965-66  
Chairman, District Conference, Rotary Int'l, 1967

REFERENCES:

Internal Revenue Service: (Under contract for 7 years)

Rick Nixon, Atlanta, GA  
Ed Laubach, Pittsburgh, PA  
Nancy Herbert, Cincinnati, OH  
John Zeller, Buffalo, NY  
Fred Freitag, Los Angeles, CA  
Don Wells, St. Louis, MO  
Carl Zeswitz, New Orleans, LA

Los Angeles County District Attorneys

Carla Durham Pittman  
Ralph Courtney, Dep. Pub. Def., Van Nuys, CA  
Jack Stone, Dep. Pub. Def., Sherman Oaks, CA  
William Weiss, Dep. Pub. Def., L.A., CA

Orange County District Attorney

Joseph Baxter,

San Bernardino County District Attorney

John J. Sullivan, Dep. Pub. Def.

Ventura County District Attorney

Mitchell Disney, Dep. Dist. Att.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Peter T. Munoz, L.A.

Los Angeles Police Department

Anaheim Police Department

Det. William Lane

Santa Monica City Attorney

Steven Rood, Jeanette Schachtner

Federal Trade Commission:

Robert Freedman

U.S. Post Office

Kacy McClelland, Santa Ana, CA

U.S. Attorneys Office

Scott Park, Sharon McCaslin, Los Angeles, CA

U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, S. A. Moses, Los Angeles, CA

Securities & Exchange Commission, Susan Hannan, Los Angeles, CA

Jewelry Industry:

Matt Runci, Executive Director, Jewelers of America, N.Y., NY

Ruth Batson, Executive Director, American Gem Society, Las Vegas, NV

Cecelia Gardner, Esq., Jewelers Vigilance Committee, N.Y. NY

CPA Tax Accounting Firms:

Stephen Locke, Greenville, NC

Scott Webb, Washington, D.C.

Michael Grave, Price-Waterhouse, L.A., CA

Timothy Lilligren, Manhattan Beach, CA

Colete Pieper, Saddington Co., Irvine, CA

Gemological Institute of America

James Shigley, Ph.D., Director of Research, Carlsbad, CA

Shane McClure, G.G., Laboratory Director, Carlsbad, CA

Al Gilbertson, G.G., C.G.A., GIA Laboratory, Carlsbad, CA

Banks:

Bank of America, Robert Rudnicki Michael Tannatt, L.A., CA  
Bank of America, Robert Dawson, Mitch Norton, L.A., CA  
Bank of America, Thomas Robins, L.A., CA  
Bank of Boston, Andy Barberi, Hartford, CT  
Bank of Industry, Robert Lavalee, City of Industry, CA  
Bank Leumi, Eric Shapiro, L.A., CA  
Bank Leumi, Robert Kosof, L.A., CA  
Bank Leumi, Dr. John Chato, L.A., CA  
P.T. Bank Dageng Nasional Indonesia, Jenny Tseng, L.A., CA  
Wells Fargo, Joseph Gibbs, Indian Wells, CA  
Citibank, Dennis Franks  
Deutsche Bank, Alexander Rufus-Isaacs, New York

Insurance Companies:

Fireman's Fund, William Campbell, Woodland Hills, CA  
Fireman's Fund, Michael Modlin, San Francisco, CA  
St. Paul Fire & Marine, Toni Chappell, Woodland Hills, CA  
Royal, Maria Monahan, Carolyn Thomas, Paul Campos, Glendale, CA  
Jewelers Mutual, Ron Harder, Neenah, WI  
Industrial Indemnity, Joanne Graves, L.A.  
USAA, Linda Martin, Tampa, FL  
Alexander & Alexander, Harold Herzog, CA  
Alexander & Alexander, Al Woodill, Los Angeles, CA  
Seabury & Smith, Kathy Koettinen, San Francisco, CA  
Republic, Ray Trimble, North Hollywood, CA  
USF & G, William Barnes, Fullerton, CA  
Lloyds of London  
Wells Fargo/Wachovia, Stuart Fitts, Las Vegas, NV

Technical Services:

Global, Crawford & Co., Coatesville, PA

Museum Curators:

Anthony Kampf, Ph.D., Mineralogy, L.A. County Museum of Natural History  
Russell Feather, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.  
Carl Francis, Ph.D., Mineralogy, Harvard University, Boston, MA  
Jean DeMouthe, California Academy of Sciences, Golden State Park, CA  
Richard Souza, Carnegie Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA  
Paul Clifford, Cleveland, Natural History, Cleveland, OH

International Renowned Physicists, Mineralogists, Gemologists and Authors:

John Koivula, Gemological Institute of America, Carlsbad, CA  
Art Montana, Mineralogy Dept., U.C.L.A., Los Angeles, CA  
Joel Arem, F.G.A., Laytonsville, Md  
George Rossman, Ph.D., Calif. Inst. of Tech., Pasadena, CA