

Probity Appraisal Group

Rapid Results. Rigorously Researched.

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Probity Appraisal Group, led by Jessica I. Marschall, CPA, ISA AM, insurance specialist Jennie Lumpkin, investigative specialist Doug Bort, and Asian art expert Ashley Innes, delivers data-driven valuations for high-value art, antiques, and cultural property — backed by in-depth investigative research. Our team blends financial valuation expertise, law enforcement-level investigative skills, and deep subject-matter knowledge in Asian art and provenance.



ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT



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MISSION AND VISION



Mission

To bring the same quick pace, rigorous analysis, and data-rich deliverables to the appraisal and valuation research industry that we have perfected through our other companies — The Green Mission Inc. (TGMI), Green Mission ESG Solutions (GM-ESG), and MAS LLC. Led by a CPA with over two decades of experience, we operate with the precision, compliance, and client service standards of a CPA firm, while delivering specialized appraisals and research backed by robust quantitative data. Our mission is to redefine expectations in the industry by providing accurate, defensible, and comprehensive reports in a fraction of the traditional turnaround time — ensuring our clients receive the same standard of excellence and efficiency they have come to expect from all our companies.



Vision

To set a new benchmark in the valuation and research field — where speed never compromises depth, and every report is backed by extensive quantitative data, comprehensive research, and unwavering professional integrity. As a CPA-led firm, we aim to transform client expectations for timeliness, thoroughness, and accountability in appraisal services worldwide.

Core Offerings

Insurance Appraisals – Accurate, defensible values for coverage, renewals, and claims.

Charitable Contribution Appraisals – IRS-qualified reports for non-cash donations, estate or gift tax reporting, compliant with USPAP and IRC §170 requirements.

Provenance Research – Clear chain-of-title and authenticity verification to protect against disputes.

Fraud Detection & Prevention – Identification of forgeries, fraudulent transactions, and market scams.

Cultural Artifact Recovery – Assistance locating and reclaiming stolen or trafficked cultural property.

Training & Education – Customized programs for attorneys, museums, insurers, and collectors on compliance, fraud prevention, and valuation best practices.



Why Probity?

IRS Qualified Appraisers with in-house investigative and subject-matter expertise

Deep bench of appraisal and valuation specialists across disciplines

Proven record in valuation, artifact recovery, and provenance documentation

Nationwide and international reach

Commitment to accuracy, ethics, and confidentiality

Our team is led by a CPA of 25 years delivering quick-paced work, timely deliverables, and competitive prices.



Expanded Service Offering

Through our collaborative team, Probity Appraisal Group delivers a full suite of **research and valuation services** designed for private collectors, museums, nonprofits, insurance companies, and government entities. We combine rigorous IRS-compliant appraisal methodology, deep investigative capabilities, specialized art knowledge, and an unmatched professional network to address the most complex valuation needs.

Our Services Include:

1. Comprehensive Valuation

IRS-compliant appraisals for cultural property, fine art, antiquities, Asian art, high-value personal property, and specialized collections. Our reports meet USPAP standards and are defensible in IRS, legal, and insurance contexts.

2. Provenance Research

Detailed investigations into the history and authenticity of artworks and artifacts, establishing clear ownership records to prevent disputes and support acquisitions, donations, and sales.

3. Fraud Detection and Prevention

Expert identification of forgeries, fraudulent transactions, and art-related financial crimes, using investigative techniques honed through law enforcement and insurance claim work.

4. Cultural Artifact Recovery

Strategic assistance in reclaiming stolen, looted, or trafficked cultural property, working with law enforcement, insurers, and international agencies.

5. Training and Education

Customized workshops and presentations on valuation best practices, art crime prevention, provenance verification, and insurance documentation requirements for art and cultural property.

Specialized Expertise

- **Jessica I. Marschall, CPA, ISA AM** Financial and tax-compliance expert specializing in IRS-qualified appraisals, complex valuation analysis, and high-level research for donations, estate, and insurance purposes.
- **Jennie Lumpkin** Brings over two decades of insurance industry experience, including risk analysis, damage and loss appraisals, and guiding clients through coverage requirements and claims documentation.
- **Doug Bort** Former federal Special Agent and licensed private investigator with extensive experience in art crime, provenance research, and cultural property recovery.
- **Ashley Innes (née Crawford)** Specialist in Asian fine art with expertise in Buddhist antiques, ceramics, Indian miniature paintings, and musical instruments. Holds advanced degrees in Asian art history from SOAS, University of London.

Our Network Advantage

In addition to our in-house expertise, we have direct access to a nationwide network of appraisers accredited through the **Appraisers Association of America (AAA)**, the **American Society of Appraisers (ASA)**, and the **International Society of Appraisers (ISA)**. This allows us to engage vetted specialists across virtually every category of personal property, from gems and jewelry to rare books, historic artifacts, and industrial equipment.

Unique Value Proposition

Our combined skill set offers clients a **seamless**, **end-to-end solution** for valuation and investigative needs. We integrate:

- CPA-led financial and tax-compliance expertise
- In-depth investigative research capabilities
- Specialized subject-matter knowledge in Asian fine art, insurance claim analysis, and cultural property law
- Access to a vast professional network of accredited appraisers across disciplines

This approach delivers **accurate**, **defensible**, **and thoroughly documented valuations** that stand up to the scrutiny of the IRS, courts, insurance companies, and international authorities. We set a new standard for appraisal services by blending exacting research, financial rigor, and investigative precision to meet the evolving demands of the art, antiquities, and valuation industries.

Proven Results

At **Probity Appraisal Group**, we combine deep market knowledge, rigorous research, and advanced forensic techniques to deliver results that protect, recover, and maximize the value of our clients' assets. Our work spans high-value valuations, art recovery, and fraud prevention—each case underscoring our commitment to integrity and precision.

Recovering Cultural Heritage

Our restitution work has reunited historically significant artworks with their rightful owners. In one landmark case, a **WWII-era bronze sculpture** was meticulously traced through decades of fragmented ownership records. Our archival research and provenance documentation enabled legal repatriation to the heirs, resolving a claim that had been dormant for generations. In another confidential engagement, we recovered a **mid-century sculpture stolen in the immediate post-war period**, securing its return to our client through discreet negotiations with international agencies.

Delivering Defensible Valuations

Our appraisals meet the highest compliance standards, enabling clients to realize the full benefit of their charitable contributions. In one instance, we valued a **rare Asian ceramic collection** for a charitable donation. Through detailed market analysis, condition assessment, and provenance verification, we arrived at a \$1.2 million fair market value—a conclusion accepted by the IRS without adjustment. We repeated this success with a second high-value ceramics collection, further demonstrating our consistency and reliability in IRS-qualified appraisals.

Preventing Costly Mistakes

Our due diligence services have saved clients from significant financial loss. For a prominent collector considering a \$500,000 artwork purchase, our combined provenance research and forensic ink analysis revealed inconsistencies with the purported creation date, confirming the piece was a forgery. In another case, forensic material testing exposed the use of modern pigments in an artwork claimed to be decades old, halting a high-profile acquisition before funds changed hands.

The Probity Standard

Whether tracing looted art across continents, preparing a charitable contribution appraisal for IRS review, or uncovering the truth behind a potential acquisition, our methodology remains the same: **thorough research**, **objective analysis**, **and unwavering commitment to accuracy**. We understand that for our clients—collectors, estates, museums, law firms—art and cultural property are not only valuable assets but also irreplaceable legacies.

At Probity, the results speak for themselves: assets recovered, valuations defended, and clients protected.



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