

Qualifications



Paul. G. Bakken, MAI, CCIM, MS.

Professional & Personal History

Paul Bakken was born and raised in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He graduated from Bethel University, Arden Hills in 1984 with a business degree.

In 1987, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison with a Masters Degree in Real Estate Appraisal and Investment Analysis, studying under the renowned Dr. James Graaskamp.

His appraisal career started in 1984 as a staff appraiser with American Appraisal based out of Minneapolis, MN where he specialized in national commercial properties. Mr. Bakken appraised complex commercial properties in 27 states during his two years of work at American Appraisal.

Mr. Bakken left American Appraisal to become a co-owner of Johnson, Liedl & Bakken Company in 1987, which expanded into Bakken & Liedl, then into Bakken, Liedl, Janssen, Day & Reach and finally into The Valuation Group in 2003. The Valuation Group currently employs 16 full time commercial real estate appraisers.

Mr. Bakken is President of The Valuation Group.

Mr. Bakken typically appraises complex commercial real estate.

Recent retail engagements include: Southdale, Shoppes of Arbor Lakes, The Galleria, Woodbury Lakes, Ridgedale, Northtown, Eden Prairie Center, Rosedale, Burnsville Center, and Maplewood Mall.

Recent corporate headquarter assignments include: 3M's seven million square foot world headquarters, Medtronic, ADC, General Mills, Ceridian, Imation and Best Buy,

Investment grade offices appraised include: World Trade Center, Crescent Ridge I & II, LaSalle Plaza, and numerous others.

A specialty of Mr. Bakken's would be the valuation of industrial properties over 1,000,000 square feet. Mr. Bakken has appraised over 50 very large industrial properties.

Paul is married, has three children, and lives in Plymouth, MN.

Hobbies include: golf, boating, travel and coaching youth activities.

Professional Affiliates -

Member, Appraisal Institute (MAI), 1989

Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM), 1996

Instructor and speaker at numerous classes and events.