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LAURIE BELL Earns Appraisal Designation

Laurie Bell, Brewster, NY, has earned the Residential Accredited Appraiser (RAA) designation from the Appraisal section of the National Association of REALTORS (NAR).

BELL holds membership in NAR and its Appraisal Specialty section. She is the Real Property Appraiser for the Town of Southeast, having obtained her IAO designation from the NYS Chapter of the Institute of Assessing Officers, as well as being a licensed real estate broker with Balch Buyer's Realty, a Real Estate Brokerage firm specializing in Exclusive Buyer Representation, having obtained the ABR designation, and is a member of the Westchester Board of REALTORS.

The RAA designation is awarded on an ongoing basis throughout the year and recognizes a high level of professionalism and commitment to the industry by members of NAR's Appraisal specialty section who meet specified qualifications. Program qualifications to earn a designation include membership in NAR and its Appraisal section, successful completion of several educational requirements and state certification. The Appraisal specialty section's designation program was started in 1994 for members of NAR's Appraisal specialty section.

"These designations signify that the appraiser who earns them has gone beyond the minimum requirements to become certified in this field," said Robert Galliher, GAA from Utica, NY.

"Designees are more professional in their appraisal practices because of the added educational and experience requirements that come along with earning a designation," Galliher added.

Backed by NAR, the nation's largest professional association, representing over one million members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry, the Appraisal specialty section was created in March, 1991 to meet the specialized needs of the association's appraiser members. The specialty section's objective is to advance the professional development and recognition of its appraiser members through specialized services, programs, information and related products. The specialty section currently boasts a membership of more than 5,400 professional real estate appraisers.

Laurie Bell's participation in the NAR Appraisal specialty section and in the designation program reflects her commitment to professional integrity, trustworthiness and advancement in the field of appraisal.