



Biography

Claire M. Aufrance, MAI, SRA

Claire Aufrance has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for over 20 years, and has been actively engaged in various roles at the Chapter, Region and National levels since joining. In 2022, at the National Meeting in Las Vegas, Claire was awarded the Appraisal Institute's President Award, as well as the Women's Initiative SPOTLIGHT Award. She additionally received the Q2 2022 Volunteer of Distinction Award.

Shortly after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and beginning her career as an appraiser in 2002, Claire became involved with the North Carolina Chapter of the Appraisal Institute (NCAI). She began her active volunteer involvement as Program Chair of the Associates Committee of the NCAI, and has volunteered in many different capacities ever since.

Claire has served on numerous Appraisal Institute committees and associated entities, including the Strategic Planning Committee, Finance Committee, International Relations Committee, Diversity Committee, the former Appraisal Institute Education Trust, the former AI Relief Foundation, the AIERF, and the AI Holdings Board (including serving as President in 2019). Currently, she is Chair of the Relief Committee of the AIERF and a member of the *Appraisal Journal* Editorial Board.

As a new appraiser in the early 2000s, Claire served in various capacities culminating as Chair of the Associates Committee of the NCAI in 2006. She then served as co-chair of the Government Relations Committee of the NCAI for several years and was chosen to be a Region V Representative for several years. In the late 2000s, Claire attended three consecutive years of LDAC, finally serving as a Discussion Leader in 2011. In 2013, Claire was elected Secretary of the NCAI and she served various leadership roles until becoming President of the chapter in 2016.

Claire earned her MAI designation in 2010, and started her commercial and residential appraisal firm, Aufrance Valuations, LLC, in 2011. Claire specializes in eminent domain and litigation valuation, and has a varied client base including investors, attorneys, financial institutions, and government agencies.

In 2018, Claire was elected as Third Director of Region V of the Appraisal Institute, followed by four years on the National Board of Directors (as Vice Chair and Chair of Region V). In 2018, she also received her SRA designation. During her time on the National Board of Directors, the board was extremely active, implementing a new strategic plan and becoming a strategic board, crafting a new mission statement, adapting to COVID and other unexpected issues, and approving various major initiatives such revamping the website and modernizing our education system.

In 2019, Claire was appointed to the North Carolina Appraisal Board by the Governor of North Carolina. She was reappointed to an additional three-year term in 2022.

Claire has significant public speaking experience, including webinars for the Appraisal Institute, American Bar Association, and National Association of Realtors, as well as via various leadership positions and at LDAC. She was a presenter for the Real Property Valuation Forum at the 2020 National Association of Realtors Annual Conference. Additionally, Claire has experience giving expert witness testimony.

In addition to her significant involvement in various volunteer capacities with the Appraisal Institute, Claire is a long-time member of numerous other organizations, including the International Right of Way Association (IRWA), CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) Network, and the Greensboro Regional Realtors Association. She has served as co-chair of the Programs Committee of the Piedmont Triad Chapter of CREW. Claire was elected as a Director of the NC Realtors Appraisal Section in 2023. Other leadership positions she has held include serving on a school board for several years, and working as an EMT for many years in Princeton, New Jersey and in the Triangle Region of North Carolina.