Melanie Modica

ASA, ARM, ISA AM

Modica Fine Art LLC



Melanie Modica specializes in providing supported answers for artwork valuation and resolutions regarding the credibility of opposing appraisals. She also offers specialized appraisal management services for assignments requiring multiple appraisers in various disciplines, so that multidisciplined property types are valued by competent and credentialed professionals.

Melanie is an Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) for fine art personal property with the American Society of Appraisers (ASA). She is also accredited with the Appraisal Review & Management (ARM) designation and specializes in appraisal review services, with and without opinions of value, for litigation and dispute support. Melanie is a designated expert witness in Texas, offering appraisals, appraisal reviews, and umpire services. Having created the ASA Principles of Valuation *Managing Multifaceted Assignments* course for the ASA, Melanie also specializes in managing teams of appraisers when assignments involve various property types requiring multiple credentialed experts. Additionally, Melanie is an Accredited Member of the International Society of Appraisers (ISA).

As the creator and primary developer of the ASA course titled AR204 *Appraisal Review Report Writing,* that complies with the appraisal standard of care, the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), she has also created a similar report writing course according to the International Valuation Standards (IVS) for ASA members across the globe. With an international colleague, she created and chaired the ASA *Global Valuation Review Symposium, World Tour*, which provided five days of education in a series for valuation review professionals around the world. Melanie was also the primary developer for a valuation review manual written for the government of a middle eastern country. Melanie is currently serving the ASA on the ARM Committee as the Discipline Chair and has served as the Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Education Chair. She was the creator and inaugural editor of the ARM e-Journal, which is a quarterly ASA publication.

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Melanie serves, and has served, the ASA organization as a Senior Instructor for three Principles of Valuation (POV) courses that are educational offerings for professionals seeking appraisal designations, and as a contributor for the fourth of four courses. In addition to instructing professionals in appraisal review and management methodology, Melanie is a curriculum developer or contributor for these ASA courses, as well as an international instructor. She currently serves on the Board of Examiners for members credentialing with Appraisal Review & Management, for the Personal Property discipline.

Melanie founded Modica Fine Art Appraisal LLC, now Modica Fine Art LLC, in 2009.

Melanie offers appraisal services for insurance coverage, loss claims, claim settlements, estate planning, divestment, dissolution of marriage, and more. She offers appraisal review services for dispute resolution with, and without, opinions of value and has experience in serving on an Appraisal Process panel as an appraiser, and as an Umpire for insurance settlement dispute.

Melanie began a career in fine arts when she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design, which led to post baccalaureate studies and an art education career in the Texas public school system.

This experience enhances her ability to address and inform attorneys, jurors, triers of fact, and clients with clear, understandable, impartial, and professional valuation, and appraisal review services.

Appraisal Coursework and Certificates

American Society of Appraisers:
- Principles of Valuation, Personal Property 201, 202, 203, 204: 2009
- Principles of Valuation, Appraisal Review & Management *Development* 201: 2016;
- Principles of Valuation, Appraisal Review & Management *Application* 204: 2017;
- Principles of Valuation, Appraisal Review & Management *Litigation Services* 202: 2021
- Principles of Valuation, Appraisal Review & Management *Managing Multifaceted Assignments* 203: 2022
- Certificate: *Code of Ethics Rule*, American Society of Appraisers: 2009

The Appraisal Foundation, Certificate: *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP)*: 2009, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024

University of California, Irvine:
- Certificate Program: *Appraisal Studies, Fine and Decorative Arts*: 2009
- Specialized Studies Certificate Program: *Connoisseurship Studies in Fine Arts*: 2012

Affiliations

American Society of Appraisers (ASA), Accredited Senior Appraiser
International Society of Appraisers (ISA) Accredited Member
Zeta Tau Alpha Alumna, Houston Alumnae Association; Delta Sigma chapter 1987

American Society of Appraisers Awards and Leadership

- International Appraiser of the Year 2020, first member ever to receive this honor
- International Chapter Member of the Year 2019

Developer/Contributor/Editor/Senior Instructor: Appraisal Review & Management:
- Principles of Valuation Courses AR201, AR202, AR203, AR204, AR209, VR204

International Appraisal Review & Management Committee:
- ARM Discipline Committee Chair 2026-27
- ARM Discipline Committee Vice Chair 2024-26
- ARM Discipline Committee Secretary-Treasurer 2022-24
- ARM Mentoring Program Developer and Subcommittee Chair 2024-25
- Education Development Chair 2019-2022
- Publications Chair 2018-2020
- ARM e-Journal, Creator and Inaugural Editor 2018-2020

International Nominating & Awards Committee, ARM Representative 2020-2023
International Personal Property Committee, Membership Chair 2017-18
International Appraisers Conference, Personal Property Planning Chair 2016-2017
ARM Marketing Chair, 2023-24
ARM Mentoring Program Creator and Chair, 2024-25
Invited Presenter: ASA International Conferences 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

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Houston ASA Chapter Leadership

President of Chapter, 2024-25, 2023-24, 2013-14
Executive Board Member, Personal Property Chair, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18
Executive Board Member, Appraisal Review & Management Chair 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23
Immediate Past President, 2026-27, 2025-26, 2014-15
Executive Board Member, Secretary 2012-13, 2011-12
Board Member, Director 2010-11
Member 2009-10

Forensic Expert Witness Association (FEWA) Leadership

National Board Member, South Region Alternate Representative 2023
National Board Member, South Region Representative 2022
National Executive Board Member, Vice President of Education 2020, 2021
National Conference Planning Committee, 2019, 2020, 2021
National Education Committee Member 2019

FEWA Houston Chapter Leadership

Board of Directors Member 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

ASA Membership: Candidate Member 2009
Accredited Member, 2012
Accredited Senior Appraiser, 2017-present
Accredited designation, Appraisal Review & Management, 2017-present

Professional Experience

2009-present	Modica Fine Art LLC Founder, Houston, Texas
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2009-2011	Capital Technologies Inc., Art & Collections Manager, Houston, Texas
2006-2009	TYart LLC, Museum Quality Art Services, General Manager, Houston, Texas
1991-2006	Texas State Certified Instructor, Fine Art

Education

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas 1990
Post Baccalaureate Studies: Art History, Management and Supervision, University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Authored Articles

Review Competency with a Review of Advisory Opinion 24, by Melanie Modica and Jack Young, 2020
Appraisal Management Services: The "M" in the ARM Credential, by Melanie Modica, 2023
Around the World with ARM: Preparing for the Global Valuation Review Symposium, World Tour 2024-25: The Need for Global Education, by Melanie Modica and Faisel Hoodbhoy, 2025

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