



James A. Baumberger, Chief Executive Officer

James A. Baumberger is CEO and part-owner of First Choice Appraisal Management (FCAM), operating an ethical cost-plus business model in CA, ID, NV, OR, and WA. Jim has an outstanding record of providing inspirational executive leadership for appraisal organizations serving the financial services industry. His past positions include Collateral Services Manager for Washington Mutual, Regional Chief Appraiser for Bank of America, Division Appraisal Manager for World Savings, Mortgage Group Leader for Wachovia Bank, and President of Synergy Appraisal Services.

As a certified residential appraiser, Jim's 29 years of professional appraisal practice includes valuation services for eminent domain, lending, litigation, marketing, and relocation purposes. In addition, Jim has authored numerous qualifying and continuing education courses and training seminars for industry professionals. He frequently presents customized training for agents, appraisers, loan originators, loan processors, and mortgage underwriters.

Jim served for four years on Oregon's Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board (ACLB), which is the state's regulatory agency for appraisers and appraisal management companies, including two years as ACLB Board Chair from 2014 through 2016. He currently serves on the executive board of the Oregon Mortgage Bankers Association (OMBA) and chairs the Oregon Association of Realtor's Appraisal Subcommittee (OAR). With his compliance knowledge, appraisal and real estate expertise, and lending experience, Jim is an experienced instructor and knowledgeable speaker.