



Richard B. Drucker, GIA GG, FGA (Hon)

Richard Drucker is the president of Gemworld International, Inc. in Glenview, Illinois. As a third generation jeweler, he entered the business in 1979. In 1982, he began a pricing publication now known as the *GemGuide*. The *GemGuide* is used in more than 40 countries. In 2002, he became the owner and licensing distributor for *GemGuide Appraisal Software*, a sophisticated program used by more than 1,000 jewelry appraisers. In 2014 he co-developed the *World of Color*, a comprehensive color grading system for colored gemstones. Drucker now serves as publisher, appraiser, consultant, lecturer, and author.

Under the leadership of Richard Drucker, Gemworld has now hosted five internationally recognized World of Gems Conferences bringing together delegates and speakers from seven countries. In his role as Conference Chair, he has brought together the leaders in the industry to lecture as well as presenting his own presentations. The conferences were held in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2017.

Actively involved in the jewelry industry, he was the president of the Illinois-Wisconsin GIA Alumni chapter from 1987-1991. In 1993, he was elected as the first Chair of the Gemological Institute of America Alumni & Associates International Board of Governors and in 2000 he received an Alumni Leadership Award for exemplary service in this role. In 2006, he was bestowed the Antonio C. Bonanno Excellence in Gemology industry award. From 2007-2009 Drucker served on the board of the American Gem Trade Association Gem Testing Center, formerly operating in New York. From 2012-2013 he also served on the AGTA Board of Governors.

Drucker has lectured for many organizations throughout the world including the American Gem Society, American Gem Trade Association, Accredited Gemologists Association, National Association of Jewelry Appraisers, Gemological Institute of America Alumni Association, Canadian Gemmological Association, Scottish Gemmological Association, Scandinavian Gem Symposium, the National Association of Goldsmiths (U.K.) and the Gemmological Association of Great Britain. He has been an integral part of many legal cases including work for the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Postal Inspector, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Customs Service.

Credentials include: Graduate Gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America; Honorary Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain; Senior Member of the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers; Registered Master Valuer #461802; Senior Gemologist—Accredited Gemologists Association (past-Vice President).

Editor and Publisher:

The GemGuide, 1982-present

Contributing Editor Gemstone/Marketing:

Jewelers' Circular Keystone magazine
1998-2010

Publisher of Industry Books:

Photo Masters for Diamond Grading, 1994, Roskin
Visual Optics, 1995, Hodgkinson
Wonders within Gemstones, 1996, de Goutiere
The Jeweler's Guide to Effective Insurance Appraising, 1996, Joseph
Visual Optics II, 1999, Hodgkinson
The MicroWorld of Diamonds, 2000, Koivula

Professional Associations and Affiliations:

Accredited Gemologists Association
Senior Gemologist
Past Vice President
Past Regional Governor

American Gem Society
Sustaining Firm Member

American Gem Trade Association
Associate Member
Past Executive Board of Governors,
Gemological Testing Center
Past Board of Governors

Gemological Institute of America
Alumni Association Member
Past Chair of the GIA Alumni & Associates
International Board of Governors

National Association of Jewelry Appraisers
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