



Appraisal Standards & Assignment Conditions

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Who's Here?



What is your role?



Attorney



Assessor Office



Fee appraiser



Other



Is USPAP Mandatory in your jurisdiction?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Don't Know

Learning Objectives

- **This presentation is designed to help you**
 - ❑ **Identify** and navigate the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice
 - ❑ **Discuss** legal and practical appraisal assignment conditions with real estate appraisers
 - ❑ **Define** the effective date of value and applicable jurisdictional assignment conditions
 - ❑ **Specify** the appropriate scope of work for the appraisal report and the appraiser's workfile
 - ❑ **Utilize** a report review checklist to assist in determining a report's compliance with USPAP Standards

#1

Identify and navigate the
Uniform Standards of
Professional Appraisal
Practice



What is USPAP?

Uniform
Standards of
Professional
Appraisal
Practice

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USPAP Edition!

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What is the S&L Bailout Crisis?

True or False: All states require mandatory compliance with USPAP.

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What is FALSE?

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**Who is the Appraisal Standard Board (ASB)
of the Appraisal Foundation?**

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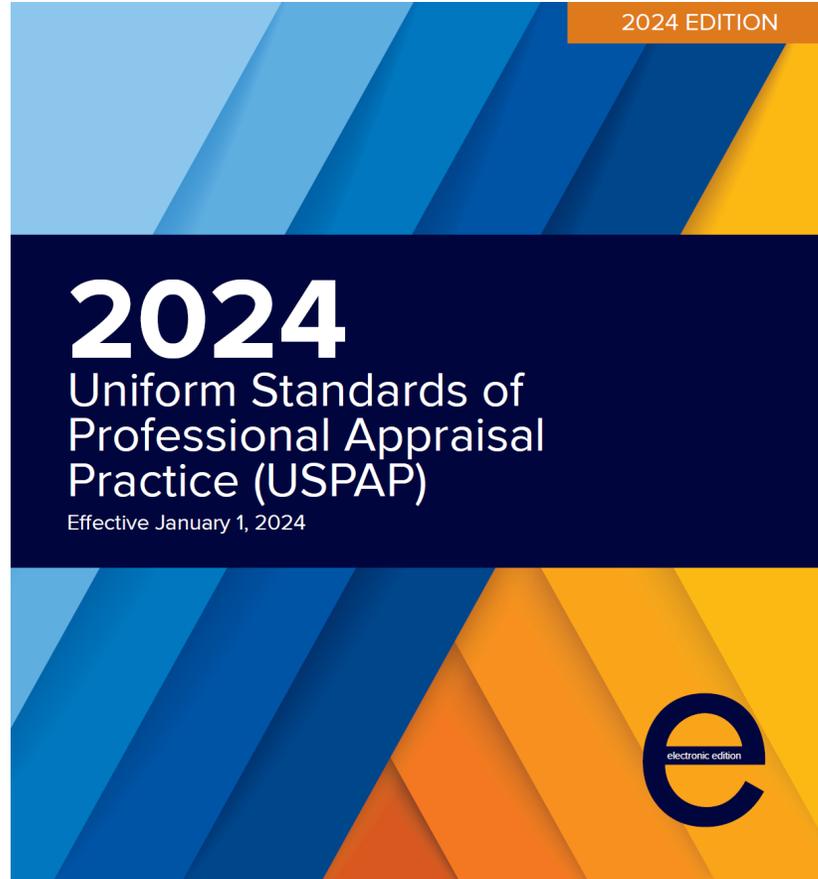
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TRICK QUESTION 😊

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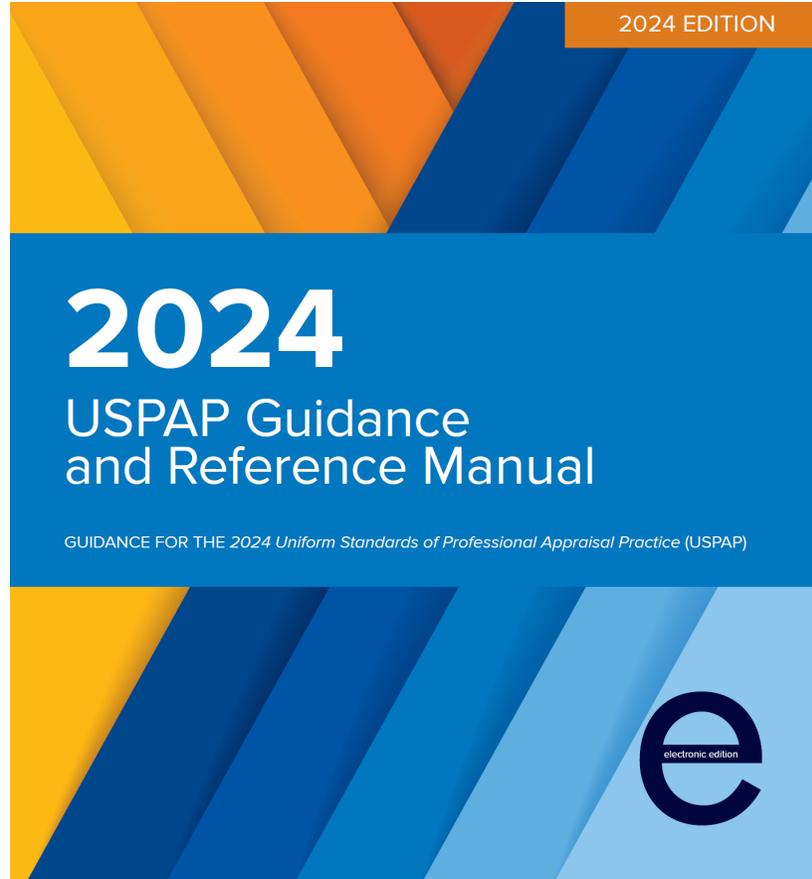


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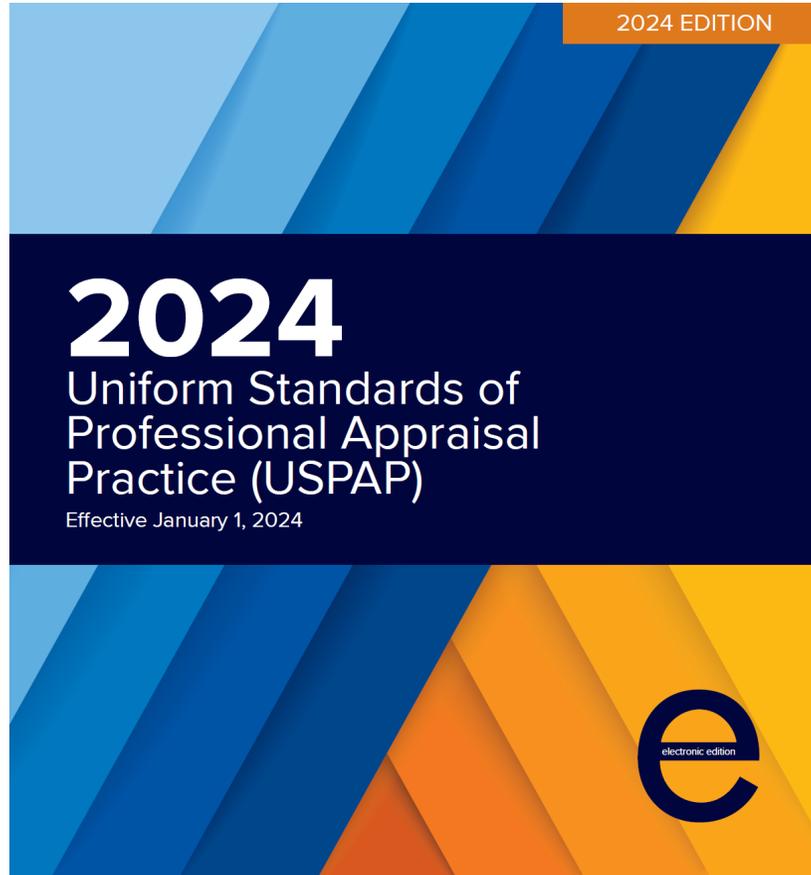


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USPAP, the little book



- Includes required elements
- Just the facts
- No advice, no commentary

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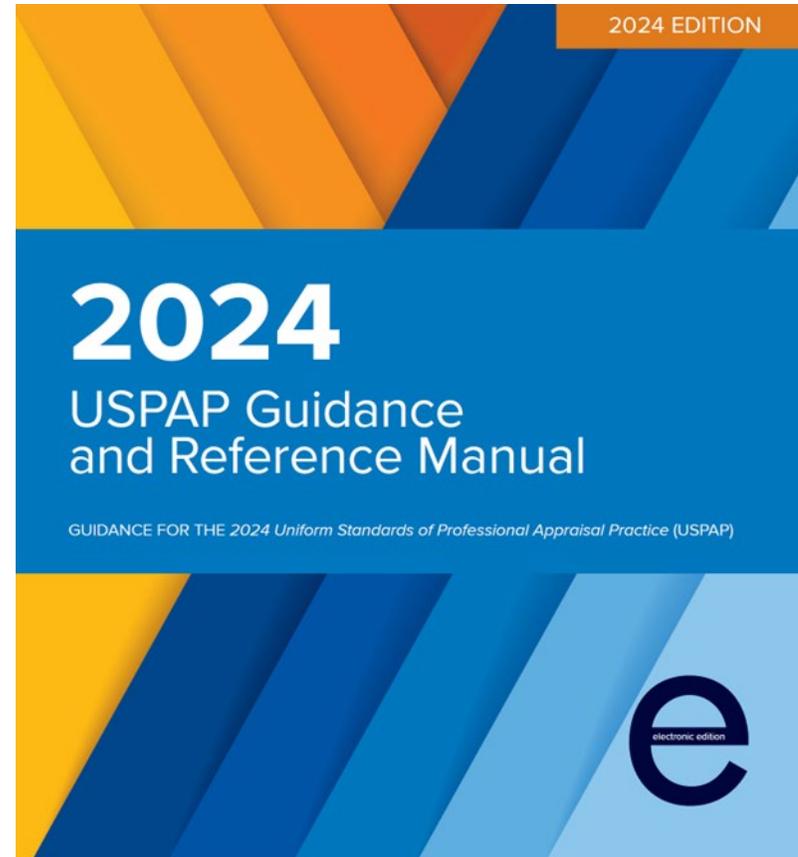
USPAP, the bigger book

Advisory Opinions

- “A form of guidance”
- “Not part of USPAP”
- “Advice for resolution of appraisal issues”

Frequently Asked Questions

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- “Illustrate applicability of USPAP in specific situations”



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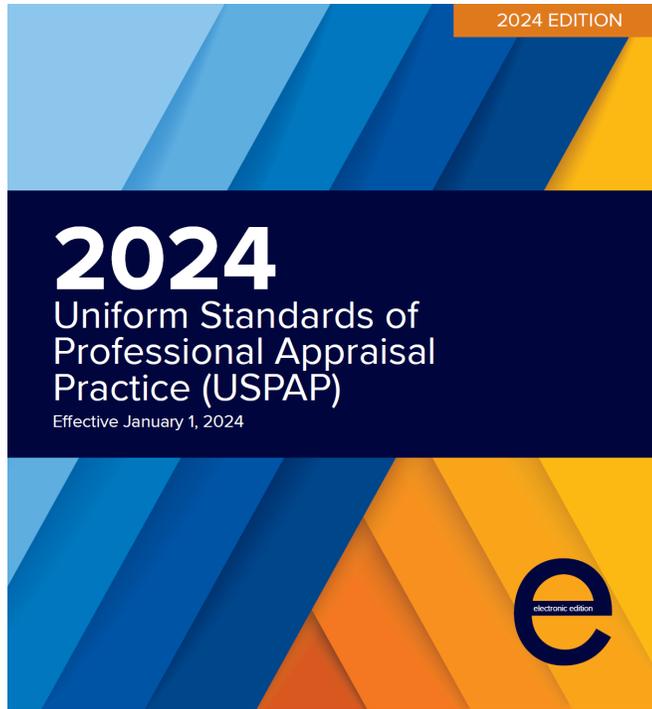
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Anatomy of USPAP



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Foreword



Preamble



Definitions



Rules



Standards and Standards Rules

What is Covered?

Real Property Appraisal

Standard **1**:
Development

Standard **2**:
Reporting

Appraisal Reviews

Standard **3**:
Development

Standard **4**:
Reporting

Mass Appraisal

Standard **5**:
Development

Standard **6**:
Reporting

Personal Property Appraisal

Standard **7**:
Development

Standard **8**:
Reporting

Business / Intangible Asset Appraisal

Standard **9**:
Development

Standard **10**:
Reporting

What is Covered? 10 Standards + 5 Rules

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Rules:

Ethics

Record Keeping

Competency

Scope of Work

Jurisdictional Exception

#2

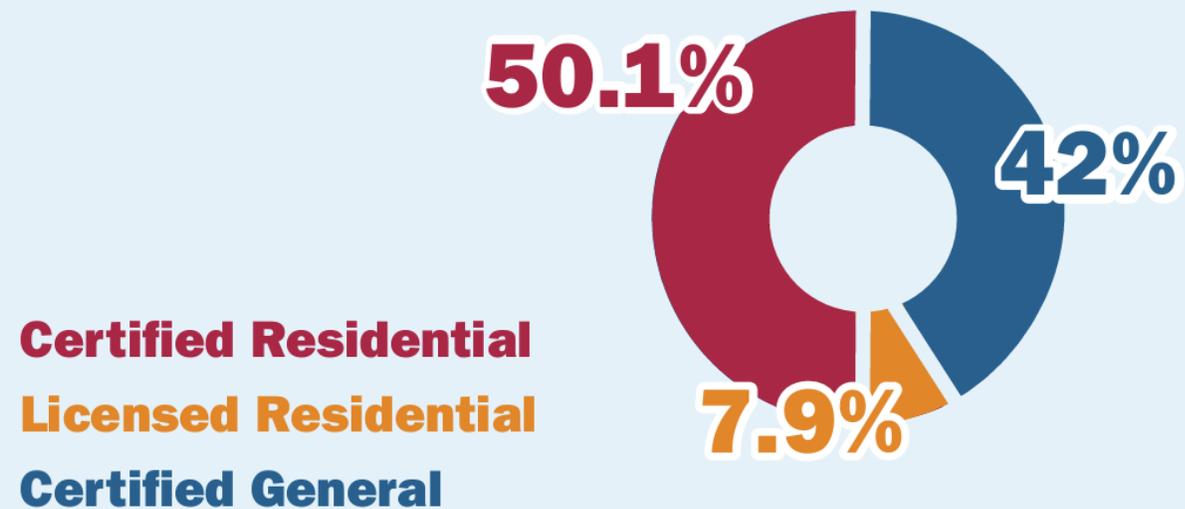
Discuss legal and practical appraisal assignment conditions with real estate appraisers

Appraisers Overview

- Credentials are administered and enforced by states
- Certified vs. Licensed
- General vs. Residential
- Designations

TOTAL U.S. APPRAISERS AND NUMBERS OF LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

As of December 2022 there were 93,665 active licenses held by an estimated 70,000 licensed or certified real estate appraisers in the U.S. The composition of active licenses were:



What Do Most Appraisers Know About USPAP?

- **For Certification:**
take a 15-hour USPAP course
- **For Re-Certification:**
take a 7-hour USPAP update course



What Do Most Appraisers Know About USPAP?



- Most appraisals are for financing purposes
- USPAP for financing purposes is very “vanilla”
- **Therefore, most appraisers have learned basic or “vanilla” USPAP**

USPAP, vanilla flavor

- **Intended use:** Somebody needs a loan
- **Intended user:** The Bank
- **Effective date:** “Now”
- **Scope of Work:** Whatever the bank requires in their special handbook (if applicable)
- **Workfile:** Minimal, seldom requested
- Appraisal report is often formally reviewed



Appraisals for Tax Appeals

- **Intended user:** The client, but many people will read the report
- **Intended Use:** May ultimately be to support sworn testimony
- **Effective date:** Sometime in the past
- **Workfile:** Important part of the value opinion and is discoverable
- **Scope of work:** Infinitely variable
- Jurisdictional requirements and case law may affect Scope of Work
- Formal appraisal review not usually performed



What's the Difference?

Element of the Appraisal	“Vanilla” / Cookie Cutter Appraisals	Appraisals for Tax Appeals / Litigation
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Workfile		
Scope of Work		

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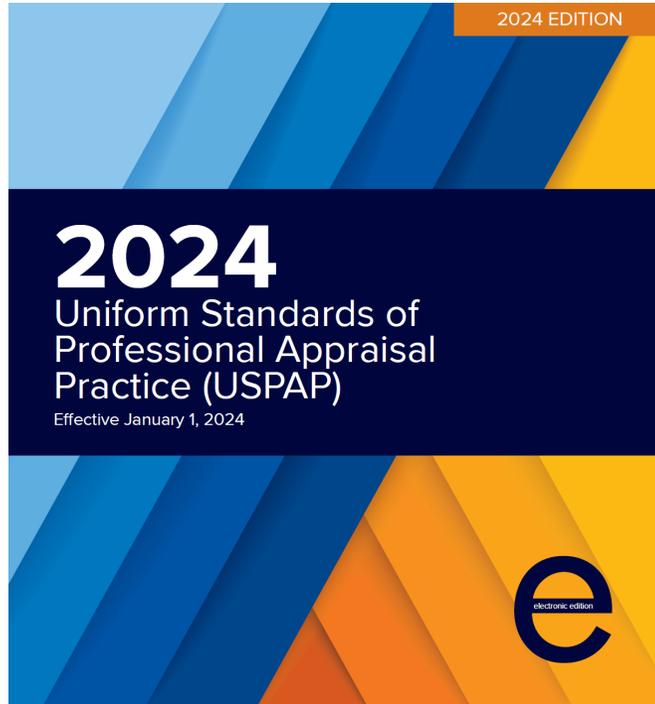
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Scope of Work	Determined largely by bank requirements / procedures	Client and appraiser determine Scope of Work, thus needing to discuss USPAP often

#3

Specify the appropriate scope of work for the appraisal report and the appraiser's workfile

What You Need to Teach Your Expert



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Ethics Rule



Record Keeping Rule



Scope of Work Rule



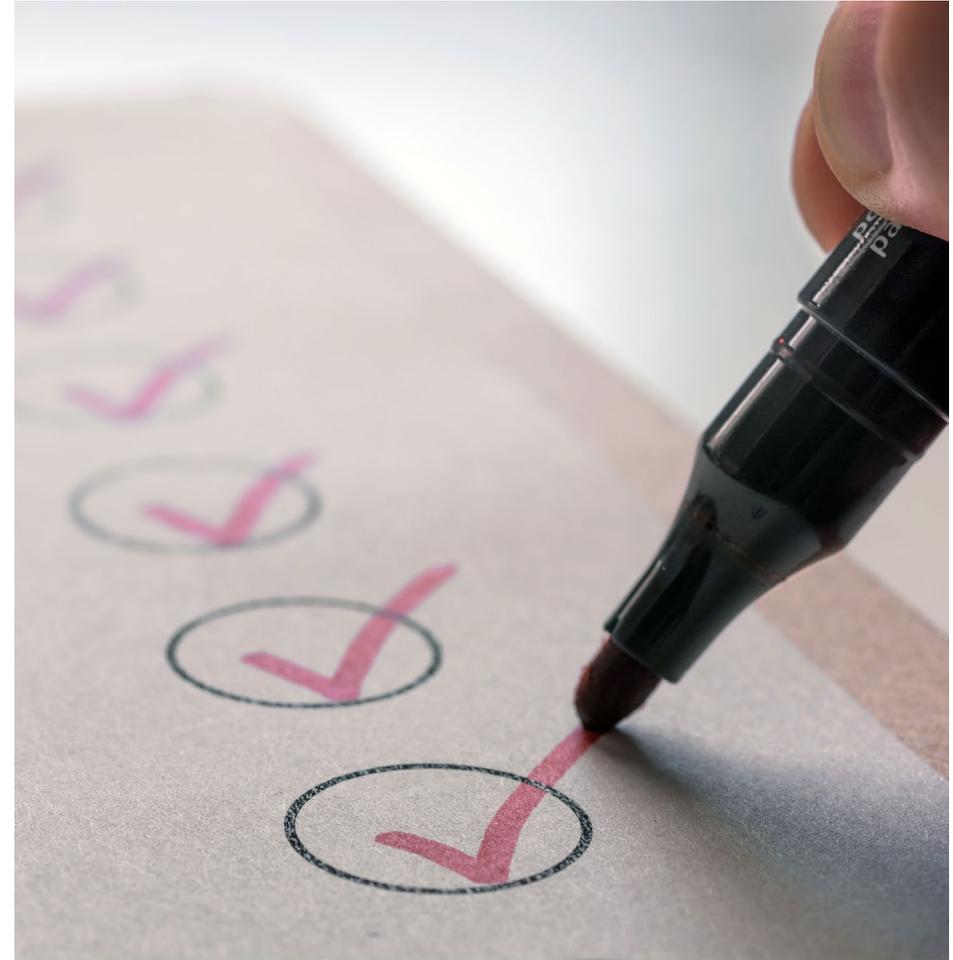
Standard 1



Standard 2

Ethics Rule

- Four Sections
- Nondiscrimination
- Conduct
 - No Fraud or Bias
 - Must not knowingly violate the Record Keeping Rule
- Management
 - No contingent compensation
 - Confidentiality



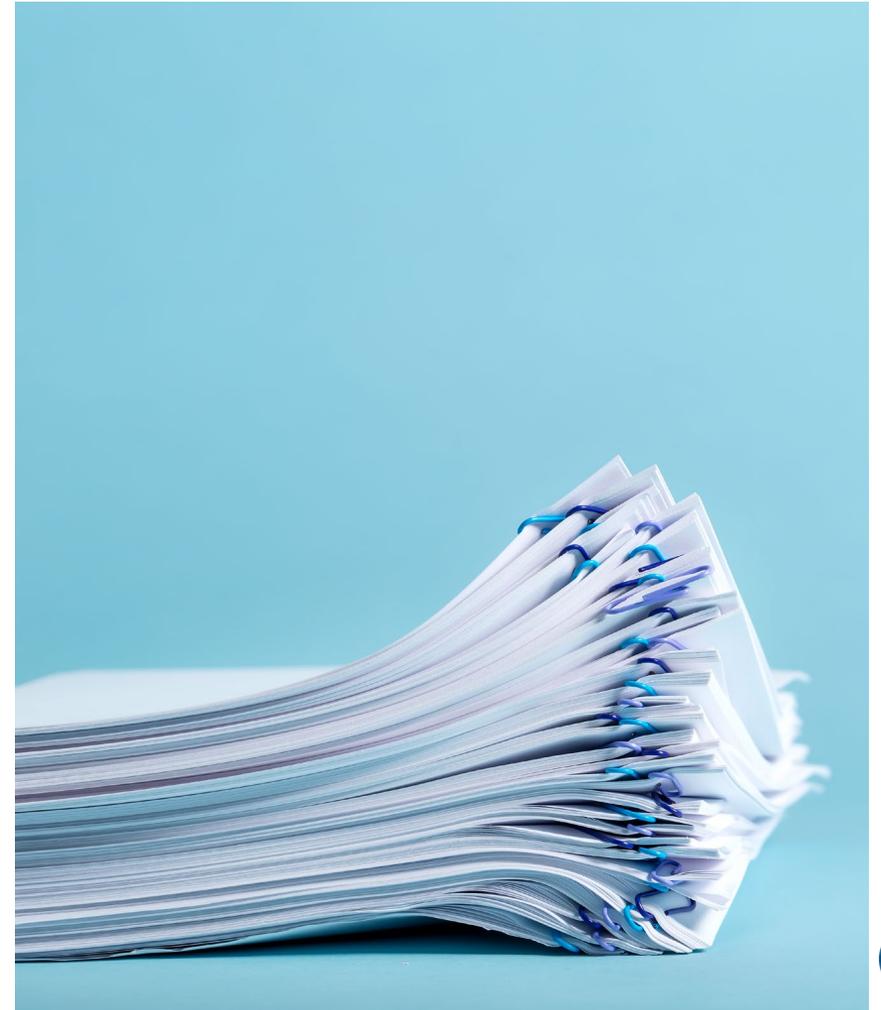
Record Keeping Rule

- Appraiser must prepare a workfile for every assignment
- Must be in existence prior to report or communication
- Must Include a true copy of all written reports



Record Keeping Rule

- Workfile must include:
 - All other data, information, and documentation necessary to:
 - Support the appraiser's opinions and conclusions
 - Show compliance with USPAP



Scope of Work Rule

- For each appraisal and review assignment an appraiser must:
 1. Identify the problem to be solved
 2. Determine and perform the scope of work necessary to develop credible assignment results
 3. Disclose the scope of work in the report

Who Sets the Scope of Work?

- “Appraisers have broad flexibility and significant responsibility in determining the appropriate scope of work”
- “Communication with the client is required”

Scope of Work Includes

“The appraiser must be prepared to demonstrate that the scope of work is sufficient to produce credible assignment results.”

Standard 1 - Development

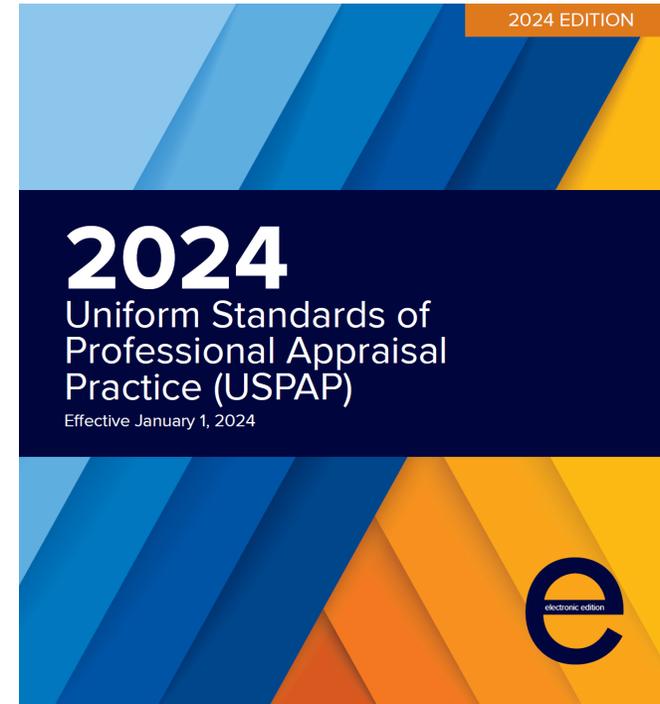
“In developing a real property appraisal, an appraiser must

- identify the problem to be solved,
- determine the scope of work necessary to solve the problem,
- and correctly complete research and analyses necessary to produce a credible appraisal.”

(repeats the scope of work rule)

Standards Rules 1-1 through 1-5

- 1-1 General
- 1-2 Problem Identification
- 1-3 Market Analysis and Highest and Best Use
- 1-4 Approaches to Value
- 1-5 Subject Property – Sales History, Listings
- 1-6 Reconciliation



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Standard 2 - Reporting

“In developing a real property appraisal, an appraiser must:

Communicate each

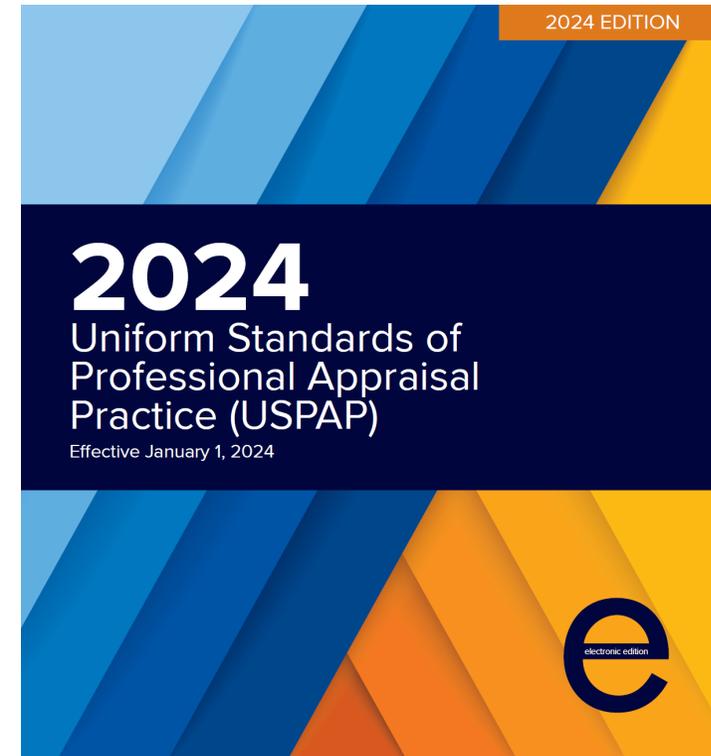
- analysis,
- opinion, and
- conclusion

In a manner that is not misleading.”



Standards Rules 2-1 through 2-4

- 2-1 General Reporting Requirements
- 2-2 Content
 - 2-2 (a) Appraisal Report
 - 2-2 (b) Restricted Appraisal Report
- 2-3 Certification
- 2-4 Oral Appraisal Report



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#4

Define the effective date of value, scope of work, and applicable jurisdictional assignment conditions

Elements of the Assignment

- Determine analyses which are necessary
 - Three approaches to value? Or less?
 - Formal market analysis or highest and best use analysis required?
 - Special studies needed?



Jurisdictional Considerations

- Statutes and jurisdictional rules
- Market value and its definition
- H&B use? Or something else?
- Case law or other legal interpretations
- Will report be introduced into evidence?



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How much detail does your case merit?

Do you need an extra level of complexity?

Budget concerns: More work = higher cost



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#5

Utilize a report review checklist to assist in determining a report's compliance with USPAP Standards

Review: by You!

- Read the **entire** report
- Ensure USPAP compliance using reliable checklist
- Request workfile, compare to your inventory



Review: by You!

Things to inventory:

- Which approaches to value were used?
Which were NOT used?
- Identify the comparable data for comparison to workfile:
 - Land Comparable Sales, how many?
 - Improved Comparable Sales, how many?
 - Comparable Rentals, how many?
 - Identify adjustment categories and if % or \$ amount



Review: by You!

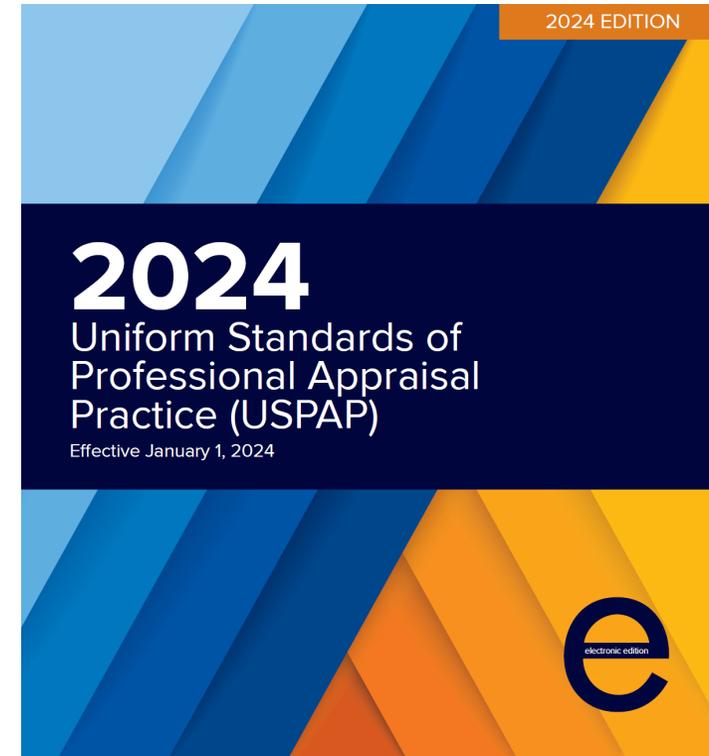
Things to inventory cont.

- Identify other data for comparison to workfile
- Replacement Cost New – cost service?
- Operating expense resources
- Capitalization rate resources



Reliable USPAP Checklist

- Standard 2-2(a) i - xiv
- Summarized on the next three slides
- 2024 USPAP pages 22-24



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2-2(a) Appraisal Report i - ix

- State Identity of Client
- State Identity of Other Intended User
- State the Intended Use
- Identify the Real Estate Appraised
- State the Real Property Interest Appraised
- State Type and Definition of Value and State the Source
- State the Effective Date of Value and the Date of Report
- Summarize the Scope of Work
- Summarize Significant Assistance from Others

2-2(a) x 1 - 5

- Provide sufficient information to indicate that the appraiser complied with the requirements of Standard 1 by
 - Summarizing appraisal methods and techniques employed
 - Stating the reasons for excluding one of the three approaches to value
 - Summarizing the analysis of subject history - prior sale(s) and listings
 - Stating the value opinion and conclusion
 - Summarizing the information analyzed and the reasoning that supports the analyses, opinions, and conclusions, including reconciliation of the data and approaches

2-2(a) xi - xiv

- State the use of the real estate existing as of the effective date
- State the use of the real estate reflected in the appraisal
- State the highest and best use opinion
- Summarize the support and rationale for the opinion of highest and best use
- State all assumptions and hypotheticals
- State that use of same might have affected the assignment results
- Include a signed certification



Key Words for the Report



State



Summarize

Any Questions?



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