Jack Holowczak

Expert Witness & USPAP-Compliant Personal Property Appraiser · Luxury Goods Authentication & Valuation

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01 EXPERT WITNESS PRACTICE

Retained as an expert in luxury goods authentication and valuation for litigation, insurance, estate, matrimonial, and customs matters. Engagements include written appraisal reports establishing fair market value, rebuttal of opposing valuations, and deposition and trial testimony. Available across United States and Canadian jurisdictions. Fees are never contingent on findings or appraised value; all fee terms are documented in a written engagement letter.

02 APPRAISAL PRACTICE & QUALIFICATIONS

USPAP-compliant personal property appraisal practice delivering reports under USPAP Standards 7 & 8 for litigation, insurance, estate, matrimonial, and tax matters in the United States and Canada. All reports issued on PROVENANCE letterhead.

— USPAP-compliant; Personal Property appraisal coursework completed through the International Society of Appraisers (ISA), consistent with Appraisal Standards Board requirements.

— Standard of value selected by the intended use of each report; fair market value determinations supported by documented comparable-sales analysis.

— Specialty depth in luxury handbags and small leather goods — the area of deepest experience — extending across fine art, antiques, fine jewelry, watches, sterling and decorative objects, and luxury collectibles. Every engagement commences with a written engagement letter.

03 METHODOLOGY & APPROACH

Forensic Authentication

A documented examination protocol combining macro-construction analysis (silhouette, proportion, hardware), micro-construction analysis (stitch density, edge treatment, lining grain, hardware composition), and period verification (date-code analysis, hallmark research, manufacturing-signature comparison). Each opinion records the specific markers examined and comparable references consulted, producing a transparent and reproducible basis for the conclusion.

Valuation & Reporting

Comparable-sales analysis drawn from primary auction results (Heritage, Sotheby's, Christie's, Bonhams, Phillips) and recognized secondary-market and licensed databases, with current retail referenced where relevant. Reports state the standard of value, effective date, scope of work, and any extraordinary assumptions or limiting conditions.

04 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROVENANCE — Luxury Authentication, Appraisal & Advisory — 2016 — Present

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— Founded and operate a luxury authentication and USPAP-compliant appraisal practice serving private collectors, insurers, executors, attorneys, and resale platforms across the United States and Canada.

— Reviewed more than 2,000,000 items across 50-plus luxury houses, including Hermès, Chanel, Louis Vuitton, Dior, Goyard, Gucci, Prada, Bottega Veneta, Cartier, and Chrome Hearts.

— Developed forensic authentication protocols and standardized reporting for insurance, estate, matrimonial, and litigation use — including counterfeit and high-grade replica ("superfake") detection — on individual high-value pieces and full-collection assignments, including rare and exotic-skin Hermès and vintage Chanel.

05 EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS & COMPETENCIES

EDUCATION

University of Toronto
Honours B.A., Visual Studies
Conferred 2021

University of Oxford
Studies Abroad — Medieval Art & Architecture
2019

PUBLICATIONS

Provenance: The Business of Authenticating Luxury — author and publisher, 2026. A professional reference on luxury authentication, valuation, and expert-witness practice.

Optionology: The Complete Handbook to Successful Options Trading — author and publisher, 2023. A technical handbook synthesizing risk-management and quantitative-analysis frameworks.

CORE COMPETENCIES

USPAP Standards 7 & 8 · forensic authentication · comparable-sales and fair-market valuation · counterfeit and superfake detection · insurance, estate, matrimonial, and litigation reporting · cross-border luxury markets.