



J. BRIAN O’CONNELL NAMED PRINCIPAL – WILL LEAD BARNES WENDLING APPRAISAL SERVICES LLC

The Directors of Barnes Wendling are pleased to announce that J. Brian O’Connell was recently hired as a principal with Barnes Wendling Appraisal Services LLC. Brian will lead this newly formed group that specializes in performing inventory and machinery and equipment appraisals. BWAS will complement Barnes Wendling’s existing Business Valuation and Asset Based Loan Field Examination Services Groups.

After serving as chief appraiser at two large banks, Brian brings more than thirty years of appraisal and banking experience to clients. Brian was the first of only two in the U.S. to attain the designation of senior appraiser in inventory from the American Society of Appraisers (ASA). Additionally, he is among only a handful of local valuation experts with the designation of senior appraiser in machinery and equipment from the ASA.

Brian was presented with the Harry H. Chen Memorial Instructor Awards of Excellence from the Commercial Finance Association. Brian developed the original National Inventory Certification exam for the ASA.

Barnes Wendling is now the only full service accounting firm in Ohio to offer inventory and equipment appraisals in conjunction with field exams, which makes us a one stop shop for the lending community. Together with Barnes Wendling Valuation Services, Barnes Wendling Appraisal Services creates a synergy that continues to show our unparalleled commitment to client service. We can value your accounts receivable, inventory, equipment, business, and intangible assets.

Barnes Wendling CPAs has been serving closely-held businesses throughout Ohio since 1946. Barnes Wendling has offices in Cleveland, Sandusky, and Sheffield Village.