

O'Hara Smith of Brittex Appraisal Service

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Dana O'Hara Smith, of Pinecrest's Brittex Appraisal Services, has received her state license as a residential real estate appraiser. Smith, who has been with the company since October 1999, specializes in Miami-Dade properties.

"The refinancing boom is over," said Smith, "but interest rates are still very low, which accounts for the high number of sales. It's a busy time for appraisers."

Smith, 41, lives in the Shenandoah area of Miami with her two dogs, a mixed border collie named Zulu and a mixed chocolate Lab named Zeke. She graduated from Coral Gables High School in 1981 and received a degree in fine arts from the University of Florida in 1987. Prior to joining Brittex, Smith worked in the film business for seven years as a script supervisor. Earlier, she was vice president and a co-founder of The Rock Garden, a company that imports produce from all over the world. She entered the appraisal business at the urging of a friend.

"Dana is a topnotch appraiser who has worked hard during these demanding times," said Britt Rosen, president of Brittex, 8603 S. Dixie Hwy. "Values have risen rapidly and appraising in this market is complex. Dana has become highly skilled and we value her work at Brittex."

Smith's hobbies include cooking, canoeing, gardening, yoga and camping. She likes to travel and has been to such places as Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Africa and Central and South America.

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She finds the appraising business appealing.

"It's a great job," she said. "You walk around and you get to meet a lot of people. And it's a great way to get to know your neighborhood and your city."

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