

# LORETTA C. CASTORO GG FGA

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<b>Career Summary</b>	<b>Loretta Castoro Designs</b>	2002-Current
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Creator of couture jewelry for private clients</li></ul>	
	<b>Gems TV, Bangkok, Thailand</b>	2007-2009
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Chief Merchandising Officer</li></ul> <p>Oversaw all aspects of planning, design and product development, gemstone marketing - training, and gemstone acquisition for the global business (US, UK, Japan, Germany) \$350M annual sales</p>	
	<b>Loretta Castoro, Inc., Westhampton Beach, NY</b>	2004-2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Gemological Education Consultant, Senior Gemologist</li><li>▪ American Gem Trade Association</li><li>▪ Swiss Gemological Institute</li></ul>	
	<b>The Pluczenik Group</b> New York, NY	2003-2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Escada Fine Jewelry Collection, General Merchandise Manager, USA</li></ul>		
<b>Mouawad USA, New York, NY</b>	2000-2002	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ General Merchandise Manager</li></ul> <p>Responsible for all phases of merchandising, marketing and distribution and product development of international top tier jewelry line</p>		
<b>Mondera.com, New York, NY</b>	1999-2000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Vice President Merchandising and Gem Acquisition</li></ul> <p>Oversaw the development of fashion jewelry collections and merchandising for the web site</p>		
<b>Tiffany &amp; Co., New York, NY</b>	1989-1999	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Director, Colored Gemstone Acquisition</li><li>▪ Manager, Special Services Department</li><li>▪ Manager, Valuations Department</li><li>▪ Assistant Manager Estate Department and Senior Appraiser</li></ul>		
<b>H. Stern, New York, New York</b>	1984-1989	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Buyer</li></ul>		
<b>Credentials</b>	Gemmological Association of Great Britain, London, England	1989
	Fellow of Gemmological Association -FGA	
	Swiss Gemmological Institute, Basel, Switzerland	1998
Advanced Scientific Gemmology Certificate		
Gemological Institute of America, New York, NY	1984	
Graduate Gemologist in Residence -- GG		

American Gem Society 1994  
Certified Gemological Appraiser—CGA

International Society of Appraisers, Natick, MA 1992  
ISA Designation

Studio Jewelers, New York, NY 1994  
Comprehensive Jewelry Manufacturing

**Professional  
Affiliations**

JVC Appraisal Task Force Committee 1992 - 1995

ICA Member 2007-Present

**Extensive Travel**

Asia, North and South America, Europe, and Middle East to procure gem materials, conduct gemstone lectures, oversee factory production and design process.

