



March 2015

Common Ground

Welcome New Members!

Jill Anderson Blanco
North American National Title
Solutions LLC

Marlene Hess
Cardinal Settlement

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Proper Title, LLC

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Inc.

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Upcoming Seminars

[PLTI / PLTA Lehigh
Valley Chapter - Back
to Basics](#)

March 10, 2015
Best Western
Conference Center
Bethlehem, PA

[PLTI - Deep Dive into
the New Closing
Disclosure Form](#)
**SOLD OUT - March 12,
2015**

PLTI Education
Classroom
King of Prussia, PA

[PLTI / PLTA Central
Chapter - Back to
Basics](#)

March 2015 President's Update

As frigid February and hopefully the last of winter precipitation are behind us, we look forward to March being a marvelous month! Temperatures should start to gradually warm, daylight savings time begins, and, at last, the first day of spring! Spring is a time of change and new beginnings. With our industry facing some significant changes due to the new Loan Estimate and Closing Disclosure which go into effect August 1, 2015, [Read more at www.plta.org](http://www.plta.org)

94th Annual PLTA Convention - GAME ON!

Join us at the 94th Annual PLTA Convention from May 31 - June 2, 2015 in beautiful Bedford Springs! Special thanks to [Signature Information Solutions LLC](#) our Boardwalk sponsor for the event and thanks to all of our sponsors! Visit the [Convention page](#) on our website for more information. Registrations are coming in and rooms at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort are beginning to fill so don't delay in signing up today! Join us and get your *Game On!* Download the [Registration Packet](#) and make your [hotel reservations online!](#)

Education Committee News

A robust seminar schedule through to the convention including 2 SOLD OUT seminars on March 12th on the new Closing Disclosure – Instructor: Anne Anastasi (For seminar schedule, check “[Calendar](#)” at www.plta.org). The committee has selected an online vendor for recommendation to the Board and is in the process of reorganizing the committee into smaller subject focused groups. Welcome new committee member, Maureen Ambler of Trident Land Transfer! If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Committee Chairperson [Len Shatz](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

Membership Committee News

Over 80% of PLTA members have already renewed for 2015! The committee is formulating a program to increase membership and expand member benefits. In an event to better serve the members throughout the state we are asking for at least 2 volunteers to participate on the committee from each PA chapter. We need reps from South Central, Northeastern, and Lehigh Valley! The next Membership committee meeting will be held on March 9, 2015 and all committee meetings are accessible by conference call. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact co-chair [Sue Swick](#), co-chair [Frank Ermilio](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

Legislative & Judicial Committee News

PLTA filed an Amicus Brief on February 6, 2015, in the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit concerning Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Recorder of Deeds by and through Nancy J. Becker, in her official capacity as Recorder of Deeds of Montgomery County v. MERSCORP, Inc. and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. The District Court had held that for each transfer of a promissory note secured by a mortgage, the current record holder of the mortgage must prepare and execute an assignment of the mortgage and then record it with the Recorder of Deeds where the mortgaged property is located. The Brief, prepared by Fox Rothschild, sets forth our concerns with (1) the District Courts misinterpretation of Section 351 of the PA Recording Act; (2) the decision being problematic for lenders handling mortgage transactions in PA to be sold on the secondary market; (3) the decision ignoring well established principles to actions to quiet title in PA; and (4) the widespread negative implications for the title industry in Pennsylvania. We will keep you apprised of any further action in the case. [[Click here to download the brief.](#)]

March 24, 2015

Nittany Lion Inn
State College, PA

[PLTI - Deep Dive into
the New Closing
Disclosure Form](#)

April 16, 2015

PLTI Education
Classroom
King of Prussia, PA

Upcoming Events

Good Friday

April 3, 2015
PLTA Office - Closed

[PLTA Executive
Committee Meeting](#)

April 14, 2015
PLTA Office
King of Prussia, PA

[PLTA 94th Annual
Convention - GAME
ON!](#)

May 31- June 2, 2015
Omni Bedford Springs
Resort
Bedford Springs, PA

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Questions about your
membership?
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Interested in joining a
committee?

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[Robin Kelsh](#) - Executive
Director

[Kim Kostusiak](#) -
Administrator

[Diane Laskowski](#) -
Administrator

Title Issues & Records Committee News

The Title Issues and Records Committee has received the a memorandum [[download here](#)] from the Northampton County Recorder of Deeds regarding parcel numbers. Please be sure that the parcel numbers on your recording documents contain the appropriate school district and municipality codes. The Committee has also been hard at work behind the scenes addressing member concerns over the new Realty Transfer Tax Statement of Value form, indexing problems in several counties and matters affecting recording. Further news will be provided as the Committee resolves these issues. As always, if you are presented with recording, indexing or other matters affecting the Pennsylvania title industry, please feel free to contact Committee Chairperson [Lisa McEntee, Esq.](#) or PLTA Executive Director [Robin Kelsh](#).

Communications Committee

The committee would like to welcome new committee members John Croke, Jr. of Neshaminy Abstract and Linda Martin of Signature Information Solutions. If you are interested in joining this committee please contact Committee Chairperson [Jim O'Rourke](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

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