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Common Ground

Welcome New Member!

Michael Cohan
Unisource National Lender Services
LLC
Title Agency: 0-2 employees



Happy Labor Day!

"Without labor nothing prospers." ~Sophocles

The PLTA officers and staff wish you a safe and happy Labor Day.

Upcoming Seminars

Title Insurance: What is it & Why is it so Important?

September 9, 2015 - AM
Session
PLTI Education Center
King of Prussia, PA

Title Insurance: Don't Buy a House Without It!

September 9, 2015 - PM
Session
PLTI Education Center
King of Prussia, PA

Old Republic Title Fall Seminar

October 14, 2015
Marriott in Cranberry
Cranberry Township, PA

Old Republic Title Fall Seminar

October 19, 2015
Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
Camp Hill, PA

Title Agent as Escrow Agent - Best Practices

October 20, 2015 - AM
Session
PLTI Education Center
King of Prussia, PA

Clearing Non-Record Risks-Title Affidavit Gets Its Due

October 20, 2015 - PM
Session
PLTI Education Center
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Upcoming Events

Labor Day
September 7, 2015

Please note: the PLTA office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day.

Check out the new and improved look of

www.plta.org!

Not only has the PLTA office received a facelift, so has your website! Visit www.plta.org to check out the new refreshed look! Stay tuned for more improvements!



Philadelphia Closures Announced for Papal Visit

The First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, issued an administrative closure of the Courts and Offices of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania for employees and court users on the following days: September 23, 24, 25 and 28. The closures are due to the large number of people estimated to attend the World Meeting of Families and the Papal visit at the end of September. Severe transportation limitations are also expected. The Court and FJD offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. An announcement will be sent out separately next week regarding the Philadelphia Recorder of Deeds schedule once it is finalized. Stay Tuned!

Education Committee News

Two very informative and well attended seminars on Deeds and Liens were presented on August 11th. This Wednesday September 9th, the first of our Fall seminars will be delivered. "Title Insurance: What is it & Why is it so Important?" and "Title Insurance: Don't Buy a House Without It!". Still time to sign up. And plan to attend October 20th seminars: "Title Agent as Escrow Agent – Best Practices" and "Clearing Non-Record Risks – The Lowly Title Affidavit Gets Its Due."

<p><i>PLTA Office - Closed</i></p> <p><u>Western Chapter Breakfast</u> September 11, 2015 Panera - Boulevard of the Allies Pittsburgh, PA</p> <p><u>2015 ALTA Annual Convention</u> October 7 -10, 2015 Boston, MA</p> <p>Columbus Day October 12, 2015 PLTA Office - Closed</p> <p>Mid-Year Meeting January 14, 2016 Crowne Plaza Valley Forge King of Prussia, PA</p>	<p>Legislative & Judicial Committee Update On Aug. 28th the United States Third Circuit Court Appeals entered an order denying a petition for rehearing in the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds vs. MERS case that had ruled in favor of MERS and dealt with the recording of assignments of mortgage and if that recording is required under Pennsylvania law. The only possible further appeal would be to the Supreme Court of the United States. On another note, the budget stalemate in Harrisburg and the summer season have combined to result in a low level of activity on any other bills that are pending before the Legislature. We shall see if that changes as summer ends and fall begins.</p>
<p><u>PLTA/PLTI Staff Can Help!</u></p>	<p>Communications Committee Update The Communications Committee is working with the PLTA staff to clean up information contained on the PLTA, PLTI and Common Ground websites. We are also looking at ways of disseminating useful and meaningful information to our members on a consistent basis. All suggestions are welcome! Please email info@plta.org with your suggestions.</p>
<p>Questions about your membership? Looking for courses? Interested in joining a committee?</p> <p>Give us a call! 610-265-5980</p> <p>Robin Kelsh - Executive Director Kim Kostusiak - Administrator Diane Laskowski - Administrator</p>	<p>Professional Designation Committee Update Been in the business for a long time? Got the education and experience? Looking for some professional recognition? The requirements to obtain the Associate Land Title Professional (ALTP) designation have now changed and you may qualify. We now accept attendance at the Mid-Year Meetings and Conventions as part of the professional participation requirements. Call Chuck Nowicki at 610-213-4656 and see if you qualify.</p>
	<p>Finance & Planning Committee Update To date we are ahead of budget for 2015 and in the process of planning next year's budget. Strategic Planning will happen once the budget has been approved. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please contact Committee Chairperson Shonna Cardello or Robin Kelsh at the PLTA office.</p>
	<p>Title Issues and Records Committee Update PLTA President John T. Croke, PLTA Executive Director Robin Kelsh and Chair of the Title Issues and Records Committee Lisa McEntee met with the president and 1st vice president of the Pennsylvania Recorders of Deeds Association (PRODA). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forging a more effective relationship between the two organizations. PRODA President & Westmoreland County Recorder Frank Schiefer and 1st Vice President & Bucks County Recorder Joe Szafran invited PLTA to send a representative to their Annual PRODA Fall Meeting in October and PRODA has agreed to help PLTI provide some accredited education about Pennsylvania recording laws and processes. The continued communication between PLTA and PRODA benefits both organizations in the furtherance of our members' goals.</p>
	<p>Pennsylvania Land Title Association 2015-2016 Officers PLTA President - John T. Croke, CLTP PLTA Vice President - Brian Zulli, Esq. PLTA Treasurer - Frank McGovern, Esq. CLTP PLTA Secretary - Danielle L. Chamberlain, CLTP PLTA Immediate Past President - Kris Burns, CLTP</p> <p>Central Chapter - Lisa Peters, CLTP Lehigh Valley Chapter - Kathie Vresics Northeastern Chapter - Barb Mikielski South Central Chapter - Nanci Reese, CLTP South Eastern Chapter - Diana T. Sabol, CLTP Western Chapter - Deb Chipman Reimer, CLTP</p>