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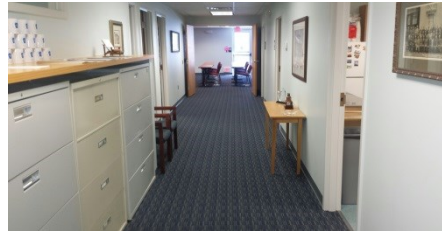
Welcome New Members!

Meghan Snow
Diallo Title Settlement Services
Title Agency: 0-2 employees

Lisa Dreyer
Siena Settlement Services LLC
Title Agency: 0-2 employees

Craig Roberts
Capstone Settlement Inc.
Title Agency: 0-2 employees

Judy Schott
Laurel Abstract Company
Title Agency: 3-10 Employees



PLTA Office Renovations

The PLTA office has gotten a facelift! A fresh coat of paint, carpet, kitchen flooring and more! Feel free to stop by and check out the new and improved office space.

Upcoming Seminars

Summer Session - Morning Deeds and Transfers of Title

August 11, 2015
King of Prussia, PA

Summer Session - Afternoon Taking the Confusion Out of Liens

August 11, 2015
King of Prussia, PA

Westcor Land Title Agent Seminar

August 20, 2015
Courtyard Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, PA

Barrister's/Homesale Settlement Services Agency Seminar

August 27, 2015
Sheraton
Harrisburg/Hershey
Harrisburg, PA

PLTI & PREP- Document Recording & eRecording

September 2, 2015
PLTI Education Center
King of Prussia, PA

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

September 9, 2015
PLTI Education Center

Legislative & Judicial Committee Update: MERS Case Victory in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals

In an Opinion and Judgement filed on August 3, 2015, the Third Circuit Court reversed Judge Joyner's decision against MERSCORP Holdings. The case was filed in Federal Court in 2011 and the District Court judge had ruled in favor of the plaintiff and against MERS to which an appeal was taken by MERS to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Pennsylvania Land Title Association filed an Amicus Brief through Edward J. Hayes of Fox Rothschild, LLP in support of the MERS position in the case. The victory in the Federal Court of Appeals, upheld MERS' mortgage assignment rights and reversed the lower court's ruling in a lawsuit brought against MERS by the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Recorder of Deeds. To read more visit housingwire.com and download the official [Opinion](#) and [Judgement](#).

Education Committee News

PLTA has inked a contract with *Digital Ignite* to provide online programming with cutting edge educational technology. Two very informative "live" seminars on Deeds and Liens will be delivered on Tuesday, August 11th. It's not too late to sign up! Also, the first two of our Fall seminars will be delivered September 9, 2015 and are not to be missed:

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

Whether you are a new or seasoned title agent, please join us to learn about title insurance and the challenges facing the title industry today with the upcoming TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure Rule and a deep dive into the title insurance commitment: What it is and why we issue it to consumers.

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

Under the new regulations, the Closing Disclosure and Loan Estimate will now label Owner's Title Insurance as "optional." Review the Elements of the Owners' Title Policy, as well as covered risks, exclusions, and policy forms to better educate your real estate agents and consumers on the importance of an owners' title policy when purchasing a home.

The next committee meeting will be on August 12th at 10:00 am. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Committee Chairperson [Paul Trefz](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

Take Action on Hold-Harmless

Take action now and help ensure the closing process is not delayed. Tell our senators to cosponsor [S.1711](#) today. Please [click here to take action](#) on this legislation which would mandate that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) observe a hold-harmless period for enforcement on TRID until January 1, 2016. Not a Title Action Network (TAN) member yet? [Join for FREE today!](#)

King of Prussia, PA

[PLTI - Title Insurance: Don't Buy a House Without It!](#)

September 9, 2015
PLTI Education Center
King of Prussia, PA

Upcoming Events

ATE Meeting

September 17, 2015 @
6:30 pm
DoubleTree Hotel
Plymouth Meeting, PA

Mid-Year Meeting

January 14, 2016
Crowne Plaza Valley
Forge
King of Prussia, PA

PLTA/PLTI Staff Can Help!

Questions about your membership?
Looking for courses?
Interested in joining a committee?

Give us a call! 610-265-5980

[Robin Kelsh](#) - Executive Director
[Kim Kostusiak](#) - Administrator
[Diane Laskowski](#) - Administrator

Communications Committee Update

The Communications Committee has taken on the task of reviewing and refreshing the PLTA/PLTI sites to include information that was once in different locations and in the former Common Ground publication to provide more concise, up-to-the-minute, and useful resources for our members. Collaboration with local Realtor organizations and the Education Committee, with the intent of keeping everyone involved in our industry moving successfully (and calmly!) toward the coming changes are also being explored ~ stay tuned! If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Committee Chairperson [Brian Foley](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

Convention Committee Update

Various locations are being scouted to host the 2016 convention for another educational and fun filled venue! Stay tuned for more exciting news!

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