



Welcome New Members!

Adam Conrad

Abstract Closing Services
Title Agency: 3-10 Employees

Kimberly Devine

Devine Law Offices, LLC
Individual Affiliate

Kenneth Federman

Omni Abstract Agency
Title Agency: 0-2 Employees

Scott Marinelli

MLA Northeast
Title Agency: 3-10 Employees

Debra McGaughey

Skippack Abstract Inc.
Title Agency: 0-2 Employees

Damian Rossettie

Sullivan Trail Abstract, Inc.
Individual Affiliate

Jonathan Yasko

Entrust Solutions, LLC
Title Agency: 3-10 Employees



Upcoming Seminars

Commercial Endorsements

September 12, 2017 - 9:30 AM
Clark Hill Office, Pittsburgh, PA

Back to Basics: How to Clear Title

September 19, 2017 - 12:30 PM

Use This Video to Warn Consumers About Wire Fraud

To help raise awareness about wire fraud, ALTA created a [2-minute video](#) that provides four tips on how consumers can protect their money and offers advice on what to do if they have been targeted by a scam. ALTA members are encouraged to [link to this video](#) from your website, include in email or share on social media.

News You Can Use

["The Next Recession Is Coming, And Philadelphia Needs To Be Ready"](#)

BisNow | May 24, 2017

After a prolonged period of growth following the Great Recession, the next downturn is finally on the horizon, and Philadelphia's commercial real estate community is bracing for it with guarded optimism.

[Housing indicators see strong residential sales market](#)

Pittsburgh Business Times | June 29, 2017

The number of closed sales and sales volume are strong in the western Pennsylvania's housing market, but supply is lagging.

["Housing emergency": High demand, low supply driving up prices in seller's market](#)

[www.pennlive.com](#) | July 10, 2017

It's a seller's market, but not enough homeowners are selling. The housing inventory has been so low through spring and summer, the National Association of Realtors predicts the country could be heading for a crisis.

[Louisville law firm fights the feds — and wins](#)

[www.bizjournals.com](#) | July 17, 2017

A lawsuit brought by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau against a Louisville law firm was dismissed on Friday. In a summary judgment ruling, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky found that law firm Borders & Borders PLC followed the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) while operating title insurance agencies from 2006 to 2011, according to a NEWS release.

[Attorney General Josh Shapiro Announces Consumer Financial Protection Unit](#)

[www.attorneygeneral.gov](#) Press Release | July 20, 2017

HARRISBURG — Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced today he is creating a Consumer Financial Protection Unit to better protect Pennsylvania consumers from financial scams, and appointing an experienced consumer protection attorney to lead the initiative.

[Mini-CFPB? Pennsylvania attorney general launches consumer financial protection unit](#)

HousingWire | July 21, 2017

With the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau now entering its seventh year squarely in the crosshairs of the Republican Party, one state is taking matters into its own hands to ensure that its residents are protected from the unscrupulous practices of financial services companies, no matter what happens to the CFPB.

[Gridlock in Harrisburg Leaves Pennsylvania Without Revenue Plan](#)

US News | July 24, 2017

Three weeks after Pennsylvania lawmakers submitted an eleventh-hour government spending plan just ahead of a July 1 deadline, they still haven't figured out how to fund it.

[As Philadelphia's housing market booms, economists warn the city may be in a bubble—or something worse](#)

PlanPhilly | July 26, 2017

According to data compiled by Drexel University economist Kevin Gillen, the average home for sale in Philly spends less than two months on the market before it's sold. That's a turnaround time Philly hasn't seen since just before the housing bubble broke in 2007.

[Beginning June 19, 2017, PennDOT will begin issuing new driver's licenses and photo ID cards](#)

[www.dmv.pa.gov](#)

Be aware of new PA driver's licenses and photo IDs during closings: As a measure to help protect against counterfeiting, fraud and identity theft, PennDOT makes periodic improvements to its products and processes. PennDOT has updated the design and enhanced the security features of its driver license and identification card products. The pilot deployment for the new products will begin on June 19, 2017 at the Harrisburg location. All Driver and Photo centers will transition to the new products by the end of October 2017. The new products will be phased in over the next four-year renewal cycle and will replace existing products.

PLTI Office, King of Prussia, PA

To take online courses visit:
www.pltionline.org

Upcoming Events

**Labor Day - Office Closed
September 4, 2017**

PLTA Mid-Year Conference

January 18, 2018
Crowne Plaza Valley Forge
King of Prussia, PA

PLTA Western Mid-Year Conference

March 8, 2018
TBA
Pittsburgh, PA

Committee Meetings

Interested in joining a committee?
Visit www.plta.org to learn more.

Education Committee Meeting

August 22, 2017 - 10:00 am
PLTA Office & Conference Line

Communications Committee Meeting

August 22, 2017 - 2:00 PM
PLTA Office & Conference Line

Members Benefits Survey Meeting

August 22, 2017 - 3:00 PM
PLTA Office & Conference Line

Title Issues & Records Committee Meeting

August 23, 2017 - 11:00 AM
PLTA Office & Conference Line

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
[Tammy Schane](#) - Membership &
Program Coordinator
[Shelley Marsh](#) - Administrator

[Click to view the PLTA
Common Ground eNews
online!](#)

Convention Committee Update

The Convention Committee is rounding up its troops and is in a preliminary planning stage. Thanks to those attendees who completed the survey of the last convention, we can take those comments and suggestions into consideration. We are looking forward to a successful march to Gettysburg, June 3-5, 2018!

South Central Chapter Update

PLTA's South Central Chapter Officer Installation was held on July 12, 2017 at John Wrights Restaurant. PLTA President, Frank McGovern, Esq., CLTP, was on hand to swear in the Chapter Officers. Congratulations to Chairperson Nanci Reese, CLTP, Vice Chairperson Stacey Trimmer, Treasurer Jen Dennison, and Secretary Donna Moyer, ALTP!



Did You Know? You can "Refer A Friend" to become a member of PLTA with just a few clicks?

PLTA's website has a feature that allows you to send a personalized email to a friend inviting them to become a member of PLTA.

When you log into your profile at www.plta.org, look at the top right under the heading "My Profile." The fifth line will say "Refer a Friend." Click on the link and then enter up to 10 email addresses and include your personalized message to them.

Your email to your friends will include your message and a link to the PLTA website, where they can sign up to be a member or join our email list.

Your friends will learn more about PLTA, thanks to you! You can also track your referrals and see when they become members of PLTA. If PLTA has benefited you, won't you please share that with some of your friends to continue to improve the title industry in Pennsylvania? Many thanks in advance for your time and dedication to PLTA!

If you have any questions about this month's **Did You Know?** or you have a topic you would like to see covered in the **Did You Know?** column, you can email info@plta.org.

Western Chapter Update

Since our Spring CE Seminar was so well received, Western Chapter members are planning a Fall Seminar with two CE credits available for those attending. The location will be in an easily accessible Downtown Pittsburgh location, topic promises to be interesting and relevant, and the speaker presenting.....will be delightful! Watch your email for an official Save the Date announcement.

Communications Committee

We encourage you to take a few minutes to complete [the membership survey](#) that has been sent out to all members. The results will help the Communications and Membership committees know what you think, so we can better support the PLTA and your professional needs. Suggestions, contributions and comments sent to info@plta.org are always welcome.

Legislative Update

The Officers of PLTA attended a Stakeholders' Meeting in Harrisburg this week regarding Senate Bill 595 (relating to online notarizations). PLTA is committed to ensuring that any legislation passed in Pennsylvania regarding remote

notarizations protects the integrity of the notarial process, and contains sufficient safeguards to protect consumers from fraud, theft of property and elder abuse. President Frank McGovern is so committed to this cause that he has appointed an ad hoc committee to continue these efforts on behalf of our membership. Please feel free to contact Executive Director [Robin Kelsh](#), Legislative and Judicial Committee Chair [Kelli Ryan](#) or PA Online Notary Ad Hoc Committee Chair [Lisa McEntee](#) with any questions or concerns about the bill.

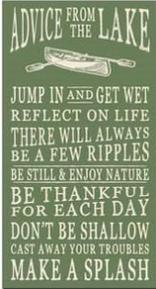
Digging In the Dirt ~ Something to Think About With Your Toes in the Water: Wonder Who Owns This Lake?

Many of us enjoy our summer vacation time on or in the water at a beach, lake or pool without giving a thought to who owns the path to get there or question permission to be there. Since we are in vacation-mode this time of year (either going on, coming back from, or covering for others who are out of the office), no one wants too much to think about! Put your feet up, have a tasty beverage, and peruse this story of a lake and its surrounding area history, once again, appreciating the concept and value of real estate title insurance.

[After investors build \\$1 million dam, Wisconsin says it owns lake.](#)

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." - Sam Keen

If you have dug up an interesting or unusual title or closing issue you would like to share here, please contact Kimberly Reed at info@plta.org.



Delaware County Public Access System System Alert!

The current Delaware County Civil Case and Judgments public access system will NOT be updated after 4:30PM on Thursday, August 3, 2017. As soon as possible, during the week of August 7, 2017, our new public access system, related to our new case management system, will be available at this location.

Pennsylvania Land Title Association 2017-2018 Officers

PLTA President - Frank McGovern, Esq., CLTP
PLTA Vice President - Danielle L. Chamberlain, CLTP
PLTA Treasurer - Chuck Nowicki, CLTP, NTP
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