



A Busy Summer

Dave and I recently attended the Pennsylvania Land Title Association's (PLTA) Annual Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia.

It was nice to catch-up with industry colleagues and to speak with vendors whose products are designed to allow for greater efficiencies within the workplace. Soon we will be implementing systems which will help our office to run more efficiently and also cut-down on the amount of paper used for printing.

In addition to educational sessions and hearing from Ivy Jackson of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the new RESPA regulations, Dave and I each received an award. Dave was awarded the Albert Pentecost Service Award for outstanding contribution to the Association for his design and installation of the Association's website. Dave's time and dedication to the Association saved it significant money and he continues to guide the staff toward being self-sufficient in website management. See Dave's work at www.plta.org.

The Associate Land Title Professional Designation ("ALTP") is one of the highest designations bestowed upon a title insurance professional in Pennsylvania. I received my designation in Virginia, and I am very proud to be a member of the Professional Designation Society of the PLTA.

Enjoy the balance of the summer and read on for happenings in the industry...

Francine

Buying or Refinancing in Philadelphia? The Cost to do so is going up!

Whether you are representing a client in the purchase of a new home or a refinance of their mortgage loan, the cost to record the Deed and Mortgage in Philadelphia County is about to cost more. We will see a price increase effective August 3 when the cost to record a Deed will be \$186.50 and the filing fee for a Mortgage will be \$156.50.

Follow this [link](#) for a printable and complete list of fees.

Pennsylvania Attorney General: ABA's should be unlawful

The Attorney General of Pennsylvania in his July 2, 2009 letter to the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner stated that "ABA's should be

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unlawful" and "truly independent title agents may be necessary to prevent fraud."

It has always been our belief that the best interest of the consumer is served when a system of checks and balances exists in a real estate transaction.

We are grateful to our industry partners in the real estate and lending community who choose to work with us even when their company has an affiliated title insurance agency.