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American Land Title Association Names Director of State Government Affairs

Washington, D.C., Sept. 18, 2012 —The [American Land Title Association](http://www.alta.org) (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry, today announced the appointment of Madeleine Nagy as the director of state government affairs. She will be responsible for enhancing advocacy of the title insurance industry at the state level by strengthening ALTA's partnership with state land title associations and representing the interests of ALTA's membership before state governments, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL).

"State advocacy work is particularly important in the land title insurance industry and Madeleine has the skills necessary to excel in this position," said Michelle Korsmo, ALTA's chief executive officer.

"Madeleine's experience working on housing issues and her ability to bring coalitions together will enable ALTA to strengthen our advocacy efforts promoting the title industry's role in protecting consumers in the efficient and secure transfer of real estate."

Prior to joining ALTA, Nagy worked with several organizations that focused on housing. Previously, she's worked with the international consulting firm Abt Associates, where she provided policy work on multi-family housing development for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Veterans Affairs. Nagy spent 12 years with the United States Veterans Initiative, the largest non-profit in the country dedicated to providing comprehensive services to U.S. military veterans. As a regional director, she provided housing services for homeless and at-risk veterans for nine of the organization's offices across the country. Nagy was responsible for economic and coalition development and worked with jurisdictions and developers to obtain funding from various sources to develop affordable housing. She also spent time with Arlington Home Ownership Made Easier, Inc., a non-profit that provides free homeownership classes and counseling to first-time home buyers.

"From my previous experience, I've learned the value of homeownership and the process that it takes to get a consumer into a home," Nagy said. "One of the best ways to protect consumers is to ensure that an independent, third-party conducts the closing. I'll serve as a resource to our members to ensure they

have access to the needed tools so they can continue to provide professional services to consumers as they complete their real estate transactions in a safe and efficient manner.”

Nagy graduated from Boston College with bachelor’s degrees in biochemistry and psychology. She received master’s degrees in biochemistry and clinical psychology from Arizona State.

About ALTA

The [American Land Title Association](#), founded in 1907, is a national trade association representing more than 4,000 title insurance companies, title agents, independent abstracters, title searchers, and attorneys. With offices throughout the United States, ALTA members conduct title searches, examinations, closings, and issue title insurance that protects real property owners and mortgage lenders against losses from defects in titles.