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## **ALTA Honors South Dakota Land Title Association President with National Title Professional Recognition**

**Washington, D.C., April 30, 2024** — Ellen Margheim NTP has earned her [National Title Professional](#) (NTP) designation from the [American Land Title Association](#) (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry. Formally acknowledged with her NTP designation on April 1, Margheim is one of 111 leaders across the United States who have devoted their careers to the land title industry and earned their designation.

The designation recognizes land title professionals who demonstrate the knowledge, experience and dedication essential to the safe and efficient transfer of real property.\*

“National Title Professional’ is a recognition bestowed upon only the most knowledgeable and committed title insurance professionals,” said ALTA President Don Kennedy. “ALTA members earning their designation must undergo a vigorous audit and demonstrate extensive experience in and dedication to the title insurance industry. Ellen has been a title professional for 20 years; her leadership and expertise made her an ideal candidate for the NTP designation. I hope other title insurance professionals follow her lead and aim for this achievement.”



As a member of the title insurance community since 2004, Margheim is the president of the South Dakota Land Title Association, previously serving as president elect, vice president and at-large director. Margheim is an abstracter and title examiner working remotely from her home in Vermillion, S.D., for title insurance companies in 12 counties in central and eastern South Dakota. She earned her abstracters and examiners license in 2005.

A full directory of National Title Professionals is available [here](#).

The designation has several elements, including industry and compliance prerequisites and training requirements. To apply for the NTP designation and for more information, please visit [ALTA.org](#).

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### **About ALTA**

The [American Land Title Association](#), founded in 1907, is the national trade association representing more than 6,000 title insurance companies, title and settlement agents, independent abstracters, title

searchers, and real estate 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.