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American Land Title Association Awards Columbia Resident “National Title Professional” Designation

Washington, D.C., May 30, 2013 — The [American Land Title Association](#) (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry, announced today it has awarded David A. Townsend of Columbia, Missouri, a “National Title Professional” designation.

The National Title Professional (NTP) Designation recognizes land title professionals who demonstrate the knowledge, experience, and dedication essential to the safe and efficient transfer of real property.*

“David demonstrates exemplary commitment to the title industry,” said ALTA president Frank Pellegrini. “This designation is evidence of his experience, hard work, and knowledge in the land title industry. We are pleased to award him with a National Title Professional designation.”

Mr. Townsend is President and CEO of Agents National Title Insurance Company, a regional title insurance underwriter based in Columbia. He has many years of experience in real estate and title law and is frequently a speaker for ALTA events, the Missouri Land Title Association, October Research Seminars, and other continuing education seminars. Mr. Townsend is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law and Drury University.

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 the [ALTA's NTP website](#).

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About ALTA

The [American Land Title Association](#), founded in 1907, is the national trade association representing nearly 4,400 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.

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