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Knoxville, Tenn., Resident Receives National Title Professional Designation from the American Land Title Association

Washington, D.C., July 26, 2016 — Eugene R. McCullough has been awarded a <u>National Title Professional</u> (NTP) designation from the <u>American Land Title Association</u> (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry. McCullough is the first NTP designee from Tennessee and joins more than 60 other industry leaders from around the United States who have earned the professional designation.

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

"Eugene is truly dedicated to his work in the title industry and serves as an example of the diligence, knowledge, and experience required to be designated a National Title Professional," said ALTA President John M. Hollenbeck NTP. "His work-ethic and commitment make it clear that this designation is well-deserved. I encourage Eugene's peers in Tennessee to follow suit and apply to join him in the ranks as an NTP."

McCullough is an attorney and has served the land title industry for more than 30 years and serves on ALTA's Best Practices Task Force. He is currently the title industry services director at Pershing Yoakley & Associates PC (PYA), a national CPA firm in Knoxville, Tenn. In addition, he remains actively involved with the Tennessee Land Title Association (TNLTA) where he served as its 2007-08 President. He authored a comprehensive agent support manual, Principles of Title Insurance – Tennessee in 2014 and currently chairs the TNLTA Pre-licensing Education Committee. In that capacity, he developed course manuals and online testing programs to prepare those entering the industry. McCullough also is a frequent speaker at industry events.

A full directory of National Title Professionals is available <u>here</u>.

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 <u>ALTA's NTP</u> <u>website</u>.

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About ALTA

The <u>American Land Title Association</u>, founded in 1907, is the national trade association representing 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.

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