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**For Immediate Release**

## **Columbia, S.C., Resident Receives National Title Professional Designation from the American Land Title Association**

**Washington, D.C., August 23, 2016** — Martha K. McConnell has been awarded a [National Title Professional](#) (NTP) designation from the [American Land Title Association](#) (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry. McConnell is the second NTP designee from South Carolina and joins 65 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.\*

“Martha has a vast amount of knowledge and is committed to strengthening the land title insurance industry,” said ALTA President John M. Hollenbeck NTP. “With more than 30 years of industry experience, her dedication and enthusiasm make her an excellent National Title Professional designee. I encourage other title professionals in South Carolina to apply for this prestigious designation.”

McConnell is Vice President and State Counsel at Chicago Title Insurance Company in Columbia, S.C. and has served the industry for more than 30 years. She is extremely active in the Palmetto Land Title Association (PLTA), participating in several committees and served as president 2012-2013. McConnell also serves on the Title Insurance Exam Review Committee for the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

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's NTP website](#).

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### **About ALTA**

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