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## **American Land Title Association Honors First Iowa Designee with National Title Professional Recognition**

Washington, D.C., Feb. 19, 2019 — Zachary A. Ruroden ILTA CLTP, NTP 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. Formally acknowledged with his NTP designation on Jan. 1, 2019, Ruroden joins 97 other leaders from across the United States who also have devoted their careers and themselves to the land title industry.

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

“The NTP designation is bestowed only upon land title industry professionals who have made an extraordinary commitment to the industry and proved themselves through a rigorous vetting process,” said ALTA President Cynthia Durham Blair NTP. “Zach’s hard work, extensive experience and education advocacy make him an excellent example for the industry; his designation is well-deserved. I invite other land title insurance experts to apply for this achievement.”

“The Iowa Land Title Association [ILTA] congratulates Zach for his hard work and dedication to the title industry and as the first Iowan to receive the NTP designation,” said ILTA Executive Director Jan Gemar. “It is an honor to work with Zach during his many years of service to the ILTA.”

The president of Fritcher Abstract Co. Inc. in Storm Lake, Iowa, and G.T. Murphy Abstract Co. in New Hampton, Iowa, Ruroden has more than 20 years of experience in the abstract and title industry. Currently president-elect of the Iowa Land Title Association, he will be installed as the president in May 2019. Ruroden also has served on multiple ILTA committees during his years of service to the association. He earned his ILTA Certified Land Title Professional designation in November 2016.

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 more than 6,300 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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