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American Land Title Association Honors Wisconsin Resident with National Title Professional Recognition

Washington, D.C., June 28, 2019 — Katie Schmitz WLTP, NTP has been awarded a <u>National Title</u> <u>Professional</u> (NTP) designation from the <u>American Land Title Association</u> (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry. Formally acknowledged with her NTP designation on May 1, 2019, Schmitz joins 98 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. "Katie's hard work, extensive experience and passion for helping others make her an excellent example for the industry; her designation is well-deserved. I invite other land title insurance experts to apply for this achievement."

Recently promoted to president of Guaranty Title Services Inc. (GTS) in Fond Du Lac, Wis., Schmitz has almost 30 years of experience in the land title insurance industry and currently leads three local offices. A member of ALTA's Public Relations and Registry committees, Schmitz also is active in the Wisconsin Land Title Association, where she was previously chair of the Public Relations Committee and currently vice chair of the Education Committee. She earned her Wisconsin Land Title Professional designation in 2017.

"I am thrilled to have been awarded this designation," Schmitz said. "I feel very lucky to be a part of this great group of title industry leaders. I love working with people and celebrating one of the biggest days of their lives: the day they purchase a home."

"This is great recognition for Katie and GTS. Of the thousands of title professionals across America, only 98 have the NTP designation, placing Katie in a prestigious group of title leaders who are true experts at the top of their industry. Katie's market leading expertise will continue to support GTS as it delivers the highest quality service to its customers," said Chad Raube, CEO of Guaranty Title Services Inc.

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

About ALTA

The <u>American Land Title Association</u>, 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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