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American Land Title Association Promotes Justin Ailes to Vice President of Government Affairs

Washington, D.C., May 19, 2011 — The <u>American Land Title Association</u> (ALTA), the national trade association for the title insurance industry, today announced the promotion of Justin Ailes to Vice President of Government Affairs.

"I'm humbled and grateful to be recognized by people that I admire and I'm proud to be a part of the ALTA team," Ailes said. "ALTA will continue advocating for the safe and efficient transfer of real estate, insisting on high standards when searching land title records and preparing insurance documents."

In his expanded role, Ailes is responsible for all of ALTA's government relations efforts including federal and state government affairs, legislative and regulatory advocacy, legal issues, political action committee (TIPAC) and grassroots engagement. ALTA represents title agents, insurers and real estate attorneys, who search, examine and insure land titles and conduct real estate closings in every county in the United States.

"Few I have known have ever worked harder or more aggressively than Justin to achieve his objectives," said Kurt Pfotenhauer, Chief Executive Officer for ALTA. "His natural talent, which has flowered over the past year, is now widely acknowledged in Washington, D.C., circles where he is seen by his peers as a respected leader."

Before joining ALTA, Ailes was deputy federal representative for Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels. In that capacity, he worked with the federal government, Indiana's congressional delegation, state agency heads and Governor's policy staff to promote the Governor's federal priorities. He served as a registered lobbyist and liaison between the federal government and state of Indiana.

Ailes formerly served as a staff member for U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar and legislative assistant in the Indiana State Senate. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Indianapolis, where he majored in Political Science and International Relations.

About ALTA

The <u>American Land Title Association</u>, founded in 1907, is a national trade association representing more than 3,800 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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