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American Land Title Association Adds to Advocacy Team

Washington, D.C., April 13, 2011 — The <u>American Land Title Association</u> (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry, today announced that Nick Hacker has joined the association as Manager, State Government Affairs.

Hacker will be responsible for enhancing advocacy of the title insurance industry at the state level by strengthening ALTA's partnership with state land title associations.

"Nick is an excellent addition to our staff as we strive to collaborate and communicate together on behalf of the title insurance industry," said Kurt Pfotenhauer, chief executive officer of ALTA. "He is extraordinarily well qualified to help the state land title associations and ALTA decipher legislative and regulatory trends in various states, and help provide tactical solutions to potential issues impacting the health of the industry."

Before joining ALTA, Hacker served in the North Dakota State Senate and worked for a commercial real estate development company as the business development manager and licensed commercial Realtor.

"My background as a legislator and past experience in real estate provide a great foundation to how legislative and regulatory changes impact the industry," Hacker said. "With market volatility continuing, improved communication among industry partners is imperative as we strive to educate interested stakeholders on the value of title insurance."

Hacker graduated from University of North Dakota with a B.S. degree in Managerial Finance with a concentration in Real Estate. He lives in Washington, D.C.

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.