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American Land Title Association Awards Billings, Montana Resident National Title Professional Designation

Washington, D.C., July 26, 2013 — The <u>American Land Title Association</u> (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry, announced today it has awarded Carol Kirby of Billings, Montana, a National Title Professional (NTP) designation. Kirby is the first recipient of this designation in the Western region of the United States.

The National Title Professional (NTP) Designation recognizes land title professionals who demonstrate the knowledge, experience and dedication essential to the safe and efficient transfer of real property.*

"This designation is a testament to Carol's exemplary dedication to the land title industry," said ALTA President Frank Pellegrini. "Carol's vast experience and hard work in the industry are admirable, and it is our pleasure to award her the National Title Professional Designation."

Kirby is the Director of Operations at American Title & Escrow, a south central Montana regional title company serving Big Horn, Carbon, Musselshell, Park, Powder River, Rosebud, Treasure and Yellowstone counties. Kirby has worked for the company in Billings, Montana, for more than 30 years. She is an active member of the Montana Land Title Association (MLTA), having served as president from 2011-2013. She continues to serve on MLTA's legislative, clerk and recorder liaison, education, and insurance commissioner liaison committees.

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>.

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About ALTA

The <u>American Land Title Association</u>, founded in 1907, is the national trade association representing more than 4,500 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.

*Designation under the National Title Professional Program solely demonstrates that a land title professional has met the particular standards and criteria of the National Title Professional designation. Neither the American Land Title Association, nor the designation itself, guarantees or warrants anything beyond a designee's ability to meet such standards or criteria. The American Land Title Association makes no representations, warranties, or guarantees as to, and has and assumes no responsibility for the proper performance of land title services, including but not limited to the transfer of real property, or related services provided by designees.