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## American Land Title Association Awards Maryland Resident National Title Professional Designation

Washington, D.C., September 23, 2013 — The <u>American Land Title Association</u> (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry, recently awarded a National Title Professional (NTP) designation to Eric Schneider of Lakeside Title Company in Columbia, Md.

"This designation is a testament to Eric's vast experience and display of professionalism in the land title industry," said ALTA President Frank Pellegrini. "His commitment to the industry is admirable, and I congratulate him on his National Title Professional designation."

Schneider, who has practiced law since 1980, performs in-house title examinations and reviews legal documentation for Lakeside Title. Previously, he worked for a large Maryland title agency as the manager of their Gaithersburg operations and served as agency underwriting counsel for several title insurance underwriters. Schneider serves as chair of ALTA's Education Committee. He also is a past president of the Maryland Land Title Association (MLTA). Additionally, Schneider is a member of the Montgomery County, Maryland State and American Bar associations.

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

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> website.

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## **About ALTA**

The <u>American Land Title Association</u>, founded in 1907, is the national trade association representing nearly 4,700 title insurance companies, title agents, independent abstracters, title searchers, and attorneys. With offices throughout the United States, ALTA members conduct title searches,

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examinations, closings, and issue title insurance that protects real property owners and mortgage lenders against losses from defects in titles.
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