

ORT News! July 2009



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Emily ,

Here is your **ORT News!** for July 2009 which includes:

- I'm **back...!**;
- Four new **webinars** from TLTA;
- **Admit it!** You too want to know...;
- HUD's complimentary **publications**;
- Ask Ann answers your question about **calculating** certain **Endorsements**;
- **Quick**, grab a broom!; *and*,
- Just for **fun** - *which includes*, how to get a **living, breathing human** on the phone.

Regards,
Shannon Skurner

Inside ORT

Effective today, Monday, **July 27th**, I am officially back in the office after having been on Maternity Leave since early May.

I look forward to catching up with everyone!

Industry-Related News & Information

Upcoming Webinars



For additional **information** and/or to **register** for any one of these programs, click [here](#).

- **Wednesday, August 12, 2009:**
New Legislation Review for Escrow Settlement & Closing
- **Wednesday, August 12, 2009:**
New Legislation Review for Abstract & Examination Attorneys
- **Thursday, August 13, 2009:**
Close-Up on The Insolvency Bill HB 4338 and Other Bills of Interest for Agents & Underwriters
- **Wednesday, August 19, 2009:**
RESPA Regulations and an Introduction to HUD-1



Admit it! You too are wondering when the housing slump will end.

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Did you know that **HUD** has a huge library of complimentary online publications?

Click [here](#) to see what's available to you and your customers.

Ask Ann...



ORT's Chief Audit Officer answers your troublesome title questions.



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This month's topic: Calculating Endorsements

Question: "Last month you discussed how to properly round a title premium. Could you tell me how to properly calculate certain Endorsements - such as the **T-19** and the **T-42**, and if they should be rounded to the nearest whole dollar?"

Answer: Several Endorsements are a percentage of the policy's Basic Premium Rate. Endorsements that are a percentage of the Basic Premium Rate should **never** be

To read the rest of Ann's response, click [here](#).

Business Corner

Quick, grab a broom!

It's time to sweep up some new business.

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Just For Fun....

Shop Across Texas

If you're going to be traveling across Texas, check out these listings for shopping "*hot spots*" by going to: <http://www.shopacrosstexas.com>.

Get a Human!

If you would prefer to speak with a **living, breathing person** when calling a company's customer service department, visit: www.gethuman.com, before making the call. This site has a list of numbers you can press to bypass those annoying automated menus for nearly 1,000 businesses.

40% - 70% off a Swimsuit

Stores are **eager** to clear out summer leftovers, so you'll dive right into savings by holding off until **next month**, to purchase a new swimsuit. The next "*best time*" to buy a swimsuit after August is during the month of **May**, when the warm weather prompts retailers to slash prices in preparation for new summer inventory.

Network TV on the Web!

If you want a **website** to help you find, organize and share **network TV shows** streaming across the web - at no cost, check out **First on Mars** at: <http://www.firstonmars.com>.