

# July 2010 Newsletter



## News!

The latest industry-related information, news and updates,  
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### Inside ORT

#### Old Republic and PMA Capital Announce \$365 Million Merger Agreement

Old Republic International Corporation and PMA Capital Corporation have entered into a merger agreement pursuant to which Old Republic will acquire all of PMA's outstanding common stock.

Read more, [here](#).

#### Monthly Webinars

Thank you to all who participated in the July 15th Webinar pertaining to the Basics of Texas Law. Our next monthly Webinar is scheduled for August 19th on Commonly Requested Endorsements.

You will receive an invitation via email to join each of our [upcoming Webinars](#) prior to its scheduled date.

#### RamQuest Update

Through new tools and education, RamQuest and ORT are, together, enabling the title industry.

For the latest updates, click [here](#).

#### Products & Services for Agents

Our web site located at: [www.oldrepublictitle.com/txnational](http://www.oldrepublictitle.com/txnational) has lots of useful information on the various products & services we provide to you - our Agents.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly by calling 888-678-1700, with any questions you may have or if you need additional information.

## Industry-Related News

### Short Sale Fraud Is On the Rise

With so many homeowners now considering short sales, an entire industry of so-called short sale negotiators has emerged.

To read about two recent incidences and to see a list of four red flags homeowners should consider, click [here](#).

### Governor Appoints Two New TALCB Board Members

Governor Rick Perry has appointed two new public members to the Texas Appraiser Licensing & Certification Board.

Continue reading, [here](#).

### ALTA Releases Update to RESPA-Compliant Uniform Instructions

ALTA has updated its uniform set of instructions to help facilitate the handling of new settlement documents that became mandatory January 1, 2010.

To view / download an editable PDF file format, click [here](#).

### Industry-Related Links

Wouldn't it be great to have one resource for all your industry-related links?

To view a list of frequently used resources - along with links directly to their site, click [here](#).

### U.S. Senate Approves Financial Overhaul Legislation

Although title insurance will not be subject to regulation by the newly established Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, it will be an independent agency...

Continue reading, [here](#).

### TDI Title Resources

The Texas Department of Insurance ("TDI") website has a new page for title industry professionals. Included are: frequently requested title forms; application forms; videos; and, much more.

To go directly to the new page, click [here](#).

## Ask Ann...

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

**Question:** "If I have 90 days to prepare a title policy and I send in the Underwriter payment with my policy submission, will I be in compliance?"

To read Ann's answer, click [here](#).

For a useful chart of Underwriting Payments & Policy Reporting Guidelines, click [here](#).

## Business Corner

### Want Customers to Come Back?

To establish a reputation for excellent service, there are five kinds of service that customers love to receive.

Continue reading, [here](#).