

ORT News! – February 2010



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Hello!

Here is your **ORT News!** for February 2010. Included in this month's issue is:

- Help us welcome...;
- Regulatory news;
- HUD releases eleventh installment;
- Professional Excellence Award;
- Legislative Luncheon;
- Ask Ann answers your question on calculating premiums using R-8a;
- Part Two of an article on Buzz Marketing; *and*,
- Flowers, To-Do Lists, a Penny, and Dryer Sheets.

Thank you for your business!

Shannon Skurner

Inside ORT



We are pleased to announce that **Brenda Nelson** has joined Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as an Agency Representative.

With 12 years in the title business, Brenda began her career as an independent Abstractor and later worked as a licensed Escrow Officer and Branch Manager. Prior to joining **Old Republic**, she was Vice President of Operations for a large Dallas / Fort Worth title agency managing Ramquest Administration, Licensing, Training, Post-Closing and Claims for 33 offices and 250 employees.

Welcome, Brenda!

Industry-Related News

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Regulatory News

One of the new rules that went into effect February 1st, is a requirement that all agents prepare a ...

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HUD Releases Eleventh Installment of RESPA Rule FAQs

To view the new and/or updated information, click [here](#).

WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE TEXAS TITLE INSURANCE INDUSTRY?



Professional Excellence Award

TLTA bestows its **Professional Excellence Award** on one deserving individual each year at their annual conference.

For further information and/or to nominate someone, click [here](#).



Legislative Luncheon With Representative Patrick Rose

Join your fellow TLTA colleagues at an informative luncheon meeting hosted by Representative Patrick Rose which will be held **Thursday, March 4th**.

For further information and/or to register, click [here](#).

Ask Ann...



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



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This month's topic: **Calculating Premiums Using R-8a**

Question: I will be closing a refinance transaction next week. The new loan will be in the amount of \$100,000. We closed a purchase money loan in the amount of \$150,000 one year ago. In the past three months, one of the three properties covered by the original Loan Policy was partially released from the lien. The payoff on my settlement statement will be \$99,799 and will fully pay off the remaining two properties. How would I calculate the premium for this new Loan Policy?

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

Business Corner

Music, scents, making them a hero and more. Here are six additional ways to **stand out** from the crowd, clutter and most importantly, your competition.

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Flowers; To-Do Lists; A Penny; and, Dryer Sheets

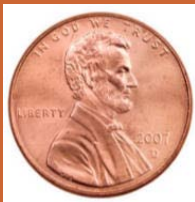


For a list of the upcoming Spring Flower Festivals in Texas, click [here](#).



What should be the maximum number of tasks on your daily To-Do List?

For the answer, click [here](#).



More than just 1¢, click [here](#) for seven new uses for a penny.



Not just for the dryer, click [here](#) for ten new uses for dryer sheets.

