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To Our Attorney Agent Partners:

Below is an important memorandum from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) which pertains to all agents registered with the State of Illinois. The memo relates to an agent's physical office location, and states that the location and the address printed on the agent's certificate of registration must match.

The memo from Michael J. Rooney reads as follows:

Registrations are granted to title insurance agents to operate at a specific address. The address is printed on the Certificate of Registration, which must be conspicuously displayed for the public or maintained at the registered agent's principal place of business for inspection upon request. (50 Illinois Administrative Code Section 8100.110) The registration and the Certificate are both address-specific. If a registered title insurance agent moves and changes addresses, such a change must be reported to DFI within a maximum of 10 business days. (50 Illinois Administrative Code Section 8100.105) Operating at an address other than the address noted on the Certificate is an act of noncompliance that must be reported. Such an act may also be a violation of 215 ILCS 155/21(a)(1).

All licensed title insurance companies are requested to remind their registered title insurance agents of these requirements. Please note further that in the event of a revocation of a registration under Section 21 of the Act due to the material misstatement concerning the agent's location, the agent is not eligible to apply for registration again for a period of one year. (50 Illinois Administrative Code Section 8100.115) Please review these matters with your staff and your registered title insurance agents and stress that compliance is mandatory. Thank you.

Michael J. Rooney

Supervisor, Title Insurance Section

The State has taken steps to enforce the title insurance requirements under their authority provided within the Title Insurance Act. The penalty for non-compliance is severe. Therefore, we encourage you to verify that your name, physical address and contact information is current and identical to the information on file with the IDFPR. To verify that your that information is accurate, you may review your actual certificate or utilize the IDFPR's website to verify that the Department's information is up-to-date.

You may access the IDFPR's website via the following link:

<http://www.idfpr.com/dfi/titleinsur/TISearch.asp>

- Type in your agency name or last name and compare the results with the current name and location of your physical office.
- If the Website information appears to be incorrect, please contact your account executive, your local Chicago Title office, or respond to this email and provide us with the details concerning any discrepancies you may have found.
- Registered addresses and names must be the same for all underwriters. If you are registered as an agent for an underwriter other than Chicago Title and you discover that your respective underwriter's certificates of registration or website information are not identical to your current name or address, please contact us and provide us with the details of any discrepancies.

We are happy to assist in any way possible to ensure compliance to the State requirements. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us for help, clarification or assistance.

Thank you,

Chicago Title Insurance Company