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President Peter J. Birnbaum Elected To American Land Title Association(R) 2009-2010 Board Of Governors

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CHICAGO — [Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund](#) (ATG) President, [Peter J. Birnbaum](#), was elected to the 2009-2010 Board of Governors of the [American Land Title Association](#)® (ALTA®) at the association's annual convention at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida in Late October 2009. ALTA is the official trade group of the title industry.

Birnbaum is only the second bar-related title company executive to serve on ALTA's board during its 85-year history. Birnbaum will also serve as ALTA's Underwriters Section Representative. Title industry veteran Mark Winter was named ALTA's 2009-2010 new president at the October convention.

"I look forward to uniquely representing ATG's nearly 4,000 member attorneys in my new position with ALTA's Board of Governors," explained Birnbaum.

"During his 28 years with Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Peter has continually brought progressive ideas, ceaseless energy and strong leadership to his organization and to the broader title industry," commented ALTA's CEO Kurt Pfothenauer. "We look forward to the meaningful contribution Peter will make on our Board of Governors."

The eleven-member [ALTA Board of Governors](#) is responsible for creating association policy, managing the financial health of the association, overseeing the work of 33 committees and ensuring the overall welfare of the association.

Washington, D.C.-based American Land Title Association represents more than 3,000 title insurance companies, agents, and abstracters nationwide on a variety of industry and legislative issues. ALTA members search, review and insure land titles to protect homebuyers and mortgage lenders who invest in real estate.

Birnbaum has served as president and chief executive officer of ATG since 1991. He currently oversees a staff of 165 people and annual revenues in excess of \$30 million.

With more than 28 years of experience in the real estate industry, Birnbaum is a highly regarded member of the legal and real estate communities.

Birnbaum is a sought-after speaker and has been featured in dozens of regional and national newspapers, trade publications and TV interviews. He has testified in the U.S. Congress, the Illinois Senate and the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee.

A judge in the Illinois Court of Claims since 2004, Birnbaum has also held leadership positions on various corporate and philanthropic boards including the presidency of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago. He currently serves on the Jesse White Tumblers Foundation and the Board of Overseers of Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Birnbaum began his career at ATG as a law clerk in 1981, while a first-year student at the Chicago Kent College of Law (where he graduated from in 1983). He advanced to positions of staff attorney, and vice president and counsel. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa in 1979. Birnbaum lives in Chicago with his wife and their three children.