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Southern Title Technology Director Earns Coveted Cybersecurity Certification

(DAYTONA BEACH, FL – February 3, 2020) –Southern Title’s Director of Information Security and Technology Paul Noga earned his [Certified Information Systems Security Professional \(CISSP\)](#) certification. Known as “crown jewel” of cybersecurity certification, the CISSP after his name means Noga has the ability to effectively design, implement and manage a best-in-class cybersecurity program at Southern Title.

In addition, Noga was been appointed to the American Land Title Association’s (ALTA) Technology Committee and Cybersecurity Committee, and is a member of the Orlando Chapter of InfraGard, a non-profit organization which serves as a public-private partnership between U.S. businesses and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

“In a climate of daily security attacks, including phishing, wire fraud, and other internet-related scams that can severely affect a home sale or purchase, we are thrilled that Paul has earned his CISSP and has been appointed to these esteemed organizations,” said Shelley Stewart, CLC, President & CEO of Southern Title. “Since joining our team, Paul has been instrumental in developing a robust and secure network to prevent data breaches and protect the privacy of our customers and the integrity of our operations. His leadership in the cybersecurity arena will benefit Southern Title and its customers as he is on the forefront of understanding and combatting wire fraud, business email compromise and other risks that infringe on the privacy, and security of our customers.”

The cost of cyber security threats to the title insurance industry is staggering. In 2018, there were at least 11,300 victims of real estate wire fraud who lost a total of nearly \$150 million, according to the FBI. Their Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3) reports this number is even higher because only a small percentage of all wire fraud incidents is reported. Title agencies who aren’t taking wire fraud seriously risk financial - and reputational – ruin.

Last fall, Noga attended the [CyberSecurity Atlanta](#) conference where he was exposed to decision makers, hackers, and technical specialists offering training on business email compromise, ransomware threats and other cyber threats that can have a devastating impact on the real estate industry.

References:

The [ALTA](#) Technology Committee is a national committee leading the industry’s charge to combat wire fraud, the Committee is focused on researching technology for local title office operations, providing advice and support regarding tech-related training and education, working with industry technology vendors, and developing and publishing standards and procedures for the secure exchange of information to improve all aspects of the title business.

[InfraGard](#) is an association of individuals that facilitates information sharing and intelligence between businesses, academic institutions, state and local law enforcement agencies, and other participants dedicated to prevent hostile acts against the United States. InfraGard’s mutual nondisclosure agreements among its members (individuals) and the FBI promotes trusted discussions of vulnerabilities and solutions

that companies and individuals may be hesitant to place in the public domain and provide access to additional threat information from the FBI.

About ALTA

The [American Land Title Association](#), founded in 1907, is the national trade association representing more than 6,300 insurance companies, title and settlement agents, independent abstracters, title searchers, and real estate attorneys. With offices throughout the United States, ALTA members conduct title searches, examinations, closings, and issue title insurance that protects real property owners and mortgage lenders against losses from defects in titles.

About Southern Title

[Southern Title](#) is Volusia County's leading independent title agency, specializing in providing peace of mind to Florida property owners by protecting their investment with a title insurance policy. This one-time premium policy offers safeguards for covered defects that might impact their property rights – for as long as the owners, or their heirs, have an interest in the property. In addition, the company provides residential settlement and closing services from 10 offices in Florida with locations in Jacksonville, Palm Coast, Ormond Beach, two locations in Daytona Beach, Port Orange, Deltona, and Leesburg. The company operates a Commercial Division in Ormond Beach.

Southern Title is staffed with a team of experienced professionals, including 10 Certified Land Closers and 32 licensed title agents. For the past three years, Southern Title has been named "Best of the Best" Title Company for Volusia and Flagler counties by readers of the Daytona Beach News-Journal in its annual "Reader's Choice" Awards. In addition, Women's Council of Realtors named Southern Title "Strategic Partner of the Year" for the state of Florida in 2018.

Southern Title is proud to comply with the industry's Best Practices, as stipulated by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and has earned an ALTA Best Practices Pillar 3 Certificate of Completion from Security Compliance Associates (SCA).

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