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American Land Title Association Renews Local Title Executive Designation

(DAYTONA BEACH, FL – April 5, 2021) – The <u>American Land Title Association</u> (ALTA), the national trade association of the land title insurance industry, recently announced the renewal of the National Title Professional (NTP) designation to Shelley Stewart, CLC, President of Southern Title Holding Company, LLC.

Stewart earned the designation because of her extensive title industry experience, her active involvement in the state and national land title associations, and her real estate related education and training.

"Shelley Stewart has continued to demonstrate her commitment to the land title industry throughout her designation term, and we are honored to have her as part of this elite group of designees," said Deborah L. Scott, Chair of the NTP Council. "Our industry currently faces many challenges and its important to promote professionalism throughout."

Stewart has taken an active role in the real estate title insurance industry for more than 35 years. She served as President of the Florida Land Title Association (FLTA) in 2008, 2nd Associate VP of the Florida Home Builders Association in 2019, and has held leadership positions in the Volusia Building Industry Association, the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers, Mortgage Bankers Association, Women's Council of Realtors, the Volusia-Flagler Title Association and the Daytona Beach Board of Realtors. Most recently, Senator Kathleen Passidomo (R-28) selected Stewart to chair a taskforce subgroup of stakeholders created to research the impact of the state's Public Records Redaction legislation.

The <u>National Title Professional (NTP)</u> designation recognizes land title professionals who demonstrate the knowledge, experience, and dedication essential to the safe and efficient transfer of real property throughout the United States. The designation has several elements, including industry and compliance prerequisites and training requirements on a national level.

About ALTA

The American Land Title Association, founded in 1907, is the national trade association representing more than 5,000 title 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

<u>Southern Title</u> 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 continues to seek qualified, motivated associates to join its growing team. More information about opportunities and the benefits of a career can be found here: https://www.stitle.com/careers/index.

Southern Title is staffed with a team of experienced professionals, including 10 Certified Land Closers and 27 licensed title agents. For the past four years, Southern Title has been named "Best of the Best" Title Company four times for Volusia and Flagler counties by readers of the Daytona Beach News-Journal in its annual "Reader's Choice" Awards.

Southern Title is proud to comply with the industry's Best Practices, as stipulated by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and has consistently earned high marks in regulatory compliance from its eight underwriters.

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