



## Iowa Land Title Association Professional Development Courses 2017 Schedule

The Iowa Land Title Association (ILTA) Certified Land Title Professional Program is a series of four educational courses for title industry professionals. The program encompasses basic industry knowledge as well as advanced curriculum. All courses are considered graduate level courses and are designed for persons with at least 3 years of experience in a related field. *The course exams are required only for persons pursuing the ILTA Certified Land Title Professional designation and require a 90% exam score to pass.* Membership in the ILTA is required to receive and maintain the ILTA Certified Land Title Professional designation. It is not necessary to take the courses in order.

**Course Location & Registration:** University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA. Registration for courses is available on the ILTA website: [www.iowalandtitle.org](http://www.iowalandtitle.org). **Course Fees:** Members: Courses 1, 2, 4 - \$295; Course 3 - \$300. Non-Members: Courses 1, 2, 4 - \$325; Course 3 - \$330.

**Continuing Education Credits:** ALL courses are approved for 7 hours each of continuing education credits by the Iowa Real Estate Commission, and 6 hours of CLE each by the Iowa Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education.

### **COURSE ONE - Chain of Title Course One: Voluntary Alienation (7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. or 4:45 p.m. with exam) – April 7, 2017.**

**Course Faculty:** Eric Johnson, J.D., shareholder with Beecher Law Firm, specializing in real estate law; Andrew Nordstrom, J.D., ILTA CLTP, Vice President and In-House Counsel at Black Hawk County Abstract & Title; Brooke Trent, J.D. ISBA Title Standards Committee Member, Trent Law Firm, PLLC specializing in real estate and consumer law.

#### Course One Topics:

- Overview of Real Property Law: Bundle of Rights Concept; Title Systems in the United States; Classifying Interests in Real Estate; Easements; Fixtures/Personal Property/Liens; Restrictions on Property.
- Overview of Abstracting: Chain of Title; Marketable Title Act; Root of Title; Curative Statutes; Statutes of Limitation.
- Iowa's Recording Act: Historical Background; Recording Formalities; Associated Requirements; Notice.
- Transfers and Conveyances: Types of Transfers; Deeds and Contracts; Agreements; Common Issues Involving Deeds and Contracts; Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common.

### **COURSE TWO - Chain of Title Course Two: Involuntary Alienation (7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. or 4:45 p.m. with exam) – June 9, 2017.**

**Course Faculty:** Eric Johnson, J.D., shareholder with Beecher Law Firm, specializing in real estate law; James Nervig, J.D., specializing in real estate and tax sale law, Brick Gentry Law Firm; Andrew Nordstrom, J.D., ILTA CLTP, Vice President and In-House Counsel at Black Hawk County Abstract & Title.

#### Course Two Topics:

- Court Actions Affecting Real Estate: Liens and Encumbrances; Judgments and Creditor's Rights; Lis Pendens; Quiet Title Actions; Foreclosure.
- Other Court Proceedings: Intestacy; Probate; Conservatorship and Guardianships; Trusts.
- Treasurer's Office: Taxes; Tax Sales and Proceedings; Special Taxes and Assessments.

### **COURSE THREE - Legal Descriptions (7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. with exam) - September 15, 2017.**

**Course Faculty:** Eric Johnson, J.D., shareholder with Beecher Law Firm, specializing in real estate law; Andrew Nordstrom, J.D., ILTA CLTP, Vice President and In-House Counsel at Black Hawk County Abstract & Title; Ben Goulson, ILTA CLTP, Co-owner and Abstracter at Winneshiek Title & Abstract Co.

Course Three Topics: Participants will be drawing sketches of legal descriptions during the course and exam.

- Governmental Surveys: History; Baselines; Principal Meridians; Township Lines; Range Lines; Correction Lines; Sections; Aliquot Parts; Land Measurements; Corners Markers & Monuments. Types & Parts of Legal Descriptions: Aliquot Parts; Metes and Bounds; Quantitative; Geographic; Platted.
- Plotting Legal Descriptions: Measuring Distances; Measuring Angles and Bearing Lines; Drawing Metes and Bounds Descriptions; Curves in Legal Descriptions.
- Legal Descriptions: Water Boundaries; Encroachments; Condominiums.

### **COURSE FOUR – Legal Entities and Special Circumstances (7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. or 4:45 p.m. with exam) – November 3, 2017.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE 10/16/17.**

**Course Faculty:** Eric Johnson, J.D., shareholder with Beecher Law Firm, specializing in real estate law; Andrew Nordstrom, J.D., ILTA CLTP, Vice President and In-House Counsel at Black Hawk County Abstract & Title; Stephen Skram, J.D., ILTA CLTP, Vice President and In-House Counsel at Benton County Title Company; Kevin Ahrenholz, J.D., shareholder with Beecher Law Firm, specializing in litigation and bankruptcy law.

#### Course Four Topics:

- Legal Entities: Corporations; Partnerships; Sole Proprietorships; LLC's and LLP's.
- Special Circumstances: Schools; Swamplands; Road Districts; Drainage Districts; Churches; Board of Supervisors and Government Owned Property; Powers of Attorney.
- Dissolutions; Change of Title; Basic Overview of Streets, Roads and Highways.
- Fraudulent Conveyances; Bankruptcy.