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1. Should the Board pursue abstracter licensing legislation?

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| 1. It would help in making Abstracter's in the State appear more professional and currently anyone can say they are Abstracter. | Thu, Dec 2, 2010 4:15 PM | Find... |
| 2. May be too expensive for smaller abstract offices | Thu, Dec 2, 2010 7:23 AM | Find... |
| 3. As we've said before, better that we instigate the licensing process than laypeople who have no idea what we do. | Wed, Dec 1, 2010 11:50 AM | Find... |
| 4. Not as long as so many of the parties (ie Lawyers) are being left exempt! | Wed, Dec 1, 2010 9:56 AM | Find... |
| 5. Not being an Abstracter operating in Iowa my comments might be suspect. Since observing the abstracters work in Iowa for some 30 years of my 40 years in the Title business I have often said "that Iowa has a superior quality of abstracting than Nebraska and I think it is because they don't have the requirement of licensing." Once Nebraska started the requirement slowly but surely more and more counties found themselves without abstracters. The method of testing for the licensing became too difficult and clearly designed to keep interested people out of the business for selfish reasons. In Iowa I would worry a lot about Title Guaranty controlling your business. Already look at what they have done to your market place by allowing "waivers" which has undermined your plant values. state wide. Monopolies are never a good thing! | Tue, Nov 30, 2010 1:03 PM | Find... |
| 6. Don't legislate. Increased levels of education would be helpful. | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 4:22 PM | Find... |
| 7. The president of the company would like more information before answering any of these questions. | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 10:16 AM | Find... |
| 8. The licensing requirement will be circumvented by having a licensed abstracter sign all the work of all the non-licensed individuals doing the actual abstracting. CBMS is a prime example getting around the requirements set by the IFA. CBMS does the actual 900-901 reports but has an attorney sign all their work. | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:57 AM | Find... |


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9.	we have an excellant system. don't mess with it	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:54 AM	Find...
10.	My answer is not really yes -- it is more of an unsure. I am still not quite understanding the benefit to us as abstracters. I honestly don't know if people will choose to use our office just because we are "licensed abstracters".	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:43 AM	Find...
11.	unsure	Tue, Nov 23, 2010 2:25 PM	Find...
12.	I have mixed feelings. On the one hand maybe a credibility factor would be enhanced.. But then, what does that say about the work done all these years without liscensing?	Tue, Nov 23, 2010 10:45 AM	Find...
13.	While it is a novel idea, until there is a law requiring it and proper accountability to enforce licensing, curbstoners will be ever present. This will only add more cost to ILTA members, something we do not need.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 4:46 PM	Find...
14.	We would have to give too much "away" in order for the ISBA to simply not oppose such legislation. We would end up only creating a buracracy and associated costs that would only impact us.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:49 PM	Find...
15.	I have mixed feelings about this. Would it help against our competition?Having uniform standards is great. Not sure about having lots of "government regulations" to comply with. Would all staff and workers in the office also need to be certified? Just some thoughts.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:43 PM	Find...
16.	I would say No, mainly because the other entities out in the general market place are against us on this issue, and it would be futile for our small association to get that put in place. We cant even get title guaranty to stop granting state wide waivers.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:49 PM	Find...
17.	I am not sure how to answer. I am a licensed abstractor, and I have practiced for 38 years and never had an abstracting problem. I have always wondered what is so diffierent about abstracting that you need a license in addition to a law decree and having passed the bar. There is no other area of the law which requires additional licensing, and I really don't understand why abstracting is any different.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:18 PM	Find...
18.	I think we would be wasting our money pursuing something that probably won't be fruitful in today's economy	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:53 PM	Find...
19.	I believe the Plant should be licensed.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:40 PM	Find...
20.	Attorneys; Real Estate Brokers/salespersons; Bankers are regulated for a reason. They have in the past and continue to exhibit unprofessional and at times self serving illegal activities related to real estate transactions and have demonstrated a need to be regulated That simply is not true of Iowa Abstracters - We have and continue to do a valuable service WITHOUT another level of bureaucracy.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:28 PM	Find...
21.	We can't pass this bill without an attorney exemption. I dont feel the effort is worthwhile with an attorney exemption.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:19 AM	Find...
22.	not at this time; give the educational development a couple of years first	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:01 AM	Find...
23.	The pursuit of licensing abstracters has been in existance for many years to some degree. I know that it was introduced in the legislature for at least as long ago as 1939.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:50 AM	Find...
24.	since the real estate records are on line the whole world can do title work in Iowa.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:31 AM	Find...

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2. Does the ILTA have a role in setting minimum performance standards and regulation of those standards?

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| 1. No currently I don't feel we much say in setting standards of performance and we really have no regulations to follow for compliance | Thu, Dec 2, 2010 4:15 PM | Find... |
| 2. Yes, we have a realistic conception of what those standards should be and we likely have higher standards than disinterested parties would. We want our high standards to measure favorably against those who operate without tract records, etc. | Wed, Dec 1, 2010 11:50 AM | Find... |
| 3. They should educate but not regulate.It is up to the customer to accept your work as good or insufficient.Ita should set up a system as an association that complaints from customers all over the the state or outside of the state can easily send in comments of good work or bad work. Too many bad remarks could be reason to dismiss members from the association. | Tue, Nov 30, 2010 1:03 PM | Find... |
| 4. Who would know better than ILTA what should be required and how to determine this? | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 3:52 PM | Find... |
| 5. ILTA already does. | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:57 AM | Find... |
| 6. we already have title standards | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:54 AM | Find... |
| 7. I am unsure of this also. I would imagine. | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:43 AM | Find... |
| 8. Don't feel they should be too stringent if enacted. | Tue, Nov 23, 2010 10:45 AM | Find... |
| 9. If it were a law, the Insurance Commissioner would be doing this. Hopefully, they would ask for our input in an advisory role. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 4:46 PM | Find... |
| 10. Seems as though Title Guaranty is serious about having ILTA help them. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:49 PM | Find... |
| 11. Again, if licensing is required, then I think to IL TA should probably be invovled. However, there must be reasonable standards. I know of one case where an attorney was seeking a license, and his first step was to receive the permission from our local bar abstracting committee. Unfortunately, there was a personality issue between the applicant and one of the members of the committee, and I do not think he got approved. It was clearly a conflict of interest and the member should have stepped aside. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:18 PM | Find... |
| 12. Or at least they should have a role as subject matter experts. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:03 PM | Find... |
| 13. The Insurance commision would set the standards | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:40 PM | Find... |
| 14. In what form is this meant? | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:59 AM | Find... |
| 15. At least it SHOULD have. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:50 AM | Find... |

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3. Would you only support abstractor licensing if all abstractors must be licensed, including abstracting attorneys?

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No	32.1%	18
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| 1. | I suspect that we will never be able to get passage of licensing if we demand that attorneys also be licensed as abstractors; however if we can succeed in requiring that anyone searching Iowa land title records be licensed, whether they are abstracting or producing title insurance policies that would be a huge step forward. | Tue, Dec 7, 2010 4:06 PM | Find... |
| 2. | If we are to get the bar behind abstractor licensing we would have to let to continue without any type of training or licensing; please remember that are counties currently that except for state wide waiver has no abstractor or abstract company in them | Thu, Dec 2, 2010 4:15 PM | Find... |
| 3. | That is not realistic--we can't control what attorneys or the Bar Association decides. So I don't think we should abandon our program if attorneys won't participate. | Wed, Dec 1, 2010 11:50 AM | Find... |
| 4. | Unfortunately, I believe that it would be nearly impossible to successfully pass legislation that does not exempt attorneys. I would like to see language in any licensing law that attorneys must be "actively" involved in the title search and review of documents. Not just having them "rubber stamp" the end product. | Wed, Dec 1, 2010 8:25 AM | Find... |
| 5. | For the same reasons mentioned above | Tue, Nov 30, 2010 1:03 PM | Find... |
| 6. | This would be fair. Any Abstractor should be licensed. | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 3:52 PM | Find... |
| 7. | I suppose. | Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:43 AM | Find... |
| 8. | Once again, it depends on the conditions. | Tue, Nov 23, 2010 10:45 AM | Find... |
| 9. | Abstracting attorneys will never go along with being licensed. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 4:46 PM | Find... |
| 10. | I think abstracting attorneys should be under the same requirements. Would "older" abstractors be "grandfathered" in? | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:43 PM | Find... |
| 11. | Again, I have not been told why there is the licensing requirement. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:18 PM | Find... |
| 12. | I would be willing to accept waived attorneys as exempt from the licensing requirement. This is a necessary evil; without exempting waived attorneys, the bar association will strongly oppose licensure and kill the bill. I would strongly encourage ILTA to get the bar to support the bill and make the attorneys subject to licensing but I don't think that's possible. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:03 PM | Find... |
| 13. | I can not answer. I believe the plant should be licensed. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:40 PM | Find... |
| 14. | If licensure becomes a reality, then THERE MUST BE NO SACRED COWS If you're not going to regulate/license ALL then why regulate any. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:28 PM | Find... |
| 15. | There will never be a licensing bill without attorney exemption. Everyone knows this. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:19 AM | Find... |

Unfortunately, the attorney loophole pretty much kills the effectiveness of the licensing issue. Just as the title plant exemption for attorneys has been detrimental to the overall title industry in Iowa, a licensing bill will just further hamper the majority of us that are already producing quality work. I dont think a

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3. Would you only support abstractor licensing if all abstracters must be licensed, including abstracting attorneys?

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licensing requirement will eliminate the curb stoners doing crappy work. It will just add additional effort and expense to those of us already adhering to these standards and walking the walk. All the traditional operations will go through the licensing procedure but the large state wide operations that are the WalMarts of abstracting (and killing our industry) will either utilize the attorney exemption and/or use out of state title insurance that has no requirement or care that an abstracter be licensed in Iowa.

- 16.
The attorneys will argue that they examine abstracts and therefore are qualified to be abstracters. Attorney work and abstractor work are entirely different. Using their logic I would imagine that because they eat three meals a day they are chefs.
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- 17.
Some thought might be given to granting a license to veteran abstracters and abstracting attorneys. A grandfather clause.
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- 18.
Including the attorneys who abstract would be how I would hope that it would go although if there is no way it would go through with the attorney abstracters, I would still want us to be licensed as this adds a level of professionalism to our industry.
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- 19.
but I think the lawyers will find a way out and again the records are available to the world
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4. Would you only support abstractor licensing if the majority of the members of the licensing board are abstracters and members of the ILTA?

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Yes	69.1%	38
No	30.9%	17
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- 1.
we need to a have a majority but bar association; realty board; mortgage lender; and closing agents should not be block off or they will fight against any licensing law
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- 2.
We need representation, but again, it isn't possible to control the board. Other related industries, i.e., attorneys, realtors, maybe even bankers, could be represented on the board.
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- 3.
It is still a matter of a few people controlling for selfish purposes.
Tue, Nov 30, 2010 1:03 PM [Find...](#)
- 4.
This only makes sense to me.
Mon, Nov 29, 2010 3:52 PM [Find...](#)
- 5.
I suppose.
Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:43 AM [Find...](#)

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4. Would you only support abstracter licensing if the majority of the members of the licensing board are abstracters and members of the ILTA?

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| 6. | Would support easier if means that the "curb stoners" and maverick lawyers were eliminated. | Tue, Nov 23, 2010 10:45 AM | Find... |
| 7. | They would HAVE to be members of ILTA, otherwise, they would not have a clue as to what our business is. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:49 PM | Find... |
| 8. | If licensing is required. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:18 PM | Find... |
| 9. | Same answer as above. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:40 PM | Find... |
| 10. | If attorneys were not exempted from licensing, then I would expect that the board would be made up of a majority of attorneys. I dont see this ever happening, but if it ever did, a requirement would have to be that attorneys held majority.

On the other hand, the only thing that could be worse than a licensing bill with attorney exemption, is a licensing board, governing non-attorneys, made up of a majority of attorneys. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:19 AM | Find... |
| 11. | That would make sense, but that is not going to happen. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:50 AM | Find... |

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5. Would abstracter licensing provide a competitive edge for our members?

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No	47.3%	26
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| 1. | We thought the title guaranty thing would - boy did we get fooled. Look at the mess we have now. People from Des Moines come all the way up to little northern Iowa and take our business away. | Fri, Dec 3, 2010 3:41 PM | Find... |
| 2. | they only thing now I can say is that I have been a abstracter for over 20 years; doesn't mean I have keep up education and advancements in the industry, just that I have been doing the same job for many years; licensing would require continuing education and knowledge of new laws and how they affect what we do | Thu, Dec 2, 2010 4:15 PM | Find... |
| 3. | Our competitive edge now is our many years of experience in this profession, excellent quality work and willingness to work with attorneys and Bankers. | Thu, Dec 2, 2010 7:23 AM | Find... |
| 4. | Hopefully. | Wed, Dec 1, 2010 11:50 AM | Find... |
| 5. | Perhaps - at the very minimum, it would be a way of establishing some minimum qualification. | Wed, Dec 1, 2010 8:25 AM | Find... |
| 6. | distructive edge as I see it. | Tue, Nov 30, 2010 1:03 PM | Find... |

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5. Would abstracter licensing provide a competitive edge for our members?

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7.	See above.	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:57 AM	Find...
8.	it depends on how it is set up	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:54 AM	Find...
9.	I'm not really sure. As long as the out of state searches and requests are out there, lenders from those areas wouldn't really care.	Tue, Nov 23, 2010 10:45 AM	Find...
10.	Having our title plants certified and going to educational classes shows we care, but no one else does.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 4:46 PM	Find...
11.	It would help, but I don't think licensing is going to keep someone in business if they're having a tough time now.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:49 PM	Find...
12.	Yes, and it would give us a little more respect, however, if we have more government telling us how to run our business, like this would, I do not think it is worth it....the risk is having others telling us how to run our business, Just Like Title Guaranty does, and they do not have a clue about how our business runs....	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:49 PM	Find...
13.	I would say "yes", it gives us a competitive advantage if, and only if, it stops curbstoners.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:03 PM	Find...
14.	Not sure it would make any difference to the public. Nebraska has abstracter licensing. It probably has more clout in a title insurance state	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:53 PM	Find...
15.	Is this a moot question? What did having our title plants inspected do for us? Now we are going to be charged a fee to have title guaranty OR a member of ILTA inspect our plants again to be a member of title guaranty.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:59 AM	Find...
16.	All the good players that have satisfied clients will become licensed, thus providing no distinction from our current situation. Lenders/brokers/etc that only care about low cost don't care about licensing in the first place. If people care about quality, they are already utilizing our business. If my office is licensed, I fully expect my competitor to become licensed too. How does that change anything?	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:19 AM	Find...
17.	If all are licensed there would be no competitive advantage.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:50 AM	Find...
18.	I think the lic. procedure will enhance the profile of the abstract business in Iowa.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:36 AM	Find...

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6. Would abstracter licensing create a licensing bureaucracy that should not be pursued by the Board?

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6. Would abstracter licensing create a licensing bureaucracy that should not be pursued by the Board?

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1.	yes, once you ask the government they only grants things that will help them out so it is a two way street; if you ask for licensing be ready for what is going to required to obtain and retain that license.	Thu, Dec 2, 2010 4:15 PM	Find...
2.	I think it is imperative for ILTA to pursue this legislation.	Wed, Dec 1, 2010 8:25 AM	Find...
3.	Yes....that is exactly what happened in Nebraska. It was the licencing system (unnecessarily diffitcult as just one Item of elimination through testing)	Tue, Nov 30, 2010 1:03 PM	Find...
4.	No comment	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 9:37 AM	Find...
5.	quite possible	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:54 AM	Find...
6.	unsure	Tue, Nov 23, 2010 2:25 PM	Find...
7.	If we have to give a free pass to the attorneys.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:49 PM	Find...
8.	very possibly	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:43 PM	Find...
9.	as with any licensing, there would be bureaucracy....	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:40 PM	Find...
10.	Yes, this would not be good....you cant trust the ones in charge, because they would probably not be abstracters or owners	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:49 PM	Find...
11.	Very important to keep licensure requirements simple and the licensure process easy and affordable. Requirements could be as simple as: 1. Title Plant approved by Title Guaranty (would be nice to see yearly inspections required). 2. At least on Certified Land Title Professional on staff.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:03 PM	Find...
12.	Maybe so.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:53 PM	Find...
13.	See # 1 above	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:28 PM	Find...
14.	Extra effort and expense to maintain the status quo. You're preaching to the choir. Why tax the choir when everyone outside the choir will keep doing their own thing?	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:19 AM	Find...
15.	This question is not clear. Pursued in what fashion ? Poorly constructed question.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:36 AM	Find...

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7. If you do not currently support abstracter licensing, under what circumstances would you be supportive?

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1.	None	Mon, Dec 20, 2010 2:35 PM	Find...
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7. If you do not currently support abstracter licensing, under what circumstances would you be supportive?

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2.	Abstractors with a number of years abstracting be grandfathered in without having to be tested.	Mon, Dec 20, 2010 8:13 AM	Find...
3.	Schooling should be more on teaching the fundamental of abstracting not drawing out legal description and trying to be an attorney	Thu, Dec 9, 2010 10:46 AM	Find...
4.	Only if controlled by the members ILTA.	Fri, Dec 3, 2010 5:04 PM	Find...
5.	At this time I've been really upset with the way our association catered to Title Guaranty and now they have truly hurt our business. Like giving a title guaranty number to the atty that hooked up the an abstract co. in Iowa that is saturating our territory and doing foreclosures etc being scanning files from our counties, doing them in Des Moines and then sending abstracts out - because they have a title guaranty no. I'm sick of the whole system. I've been abstracting for 37 years and I have never seen such doings. I don't want licensing simply to have someone else tell me what to do and that I have to pay this much all the time for fees - I can hardly pay my ILTA & ALTA fees. You know the small counties are hurting!!!! We struggle to keep alive and we are being cut off of life support. Under other circumstances and at a different time maybe I would be in favor - but not now. I can't afford to take the schooling and pay all the fees. Sorry - but that is how reality is right now.	Fri, Dec 3, 2010 3:41 PM	Find...
6.	See comments above.	Wed, Dec 1, 2010 9:56 AM	Find...
7.	Under no circumstances would I be supportive of licencing. Your abstracting work in the past and maybe now is the best in the nation why gamble that it will stay the same. after licencing? You as independent business have a duty to yourselves and to your community and to your community at large to respond to the needs in the title world. Don't allow yourselves to be protected by licencing just learn to compete.... Provide what the customer wants and needs. If you do that how can the "WAIVER" people beat you?	Tue, Nov 30, 2010 1:03 PM	Find...
8.	Do not support it. Would not support it.	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 4:22 PM	Find...
9.	None.	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:57 AM	Find...
10.	better to license title plants, not abstractors	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:54 AM	Find...
11.	I think I've basically answered that.	Tue, Nov 23, 2010 10:45 AM	Find...
12.	If it were a law.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 4:46 PM	Find...
13.	If it would apply equally to abstracting attorneys and abstractors.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:49 PM	Find...
14.	Greater recognition of the active abstracting members/companies of ILTA, promoting a spirit of cooperation and comoderie between the counties and companies, and the pursuit of excellence, or we will lose our business to the competition.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:43 PM	Find...
15.	If employed 30+ years to be grandfathered in	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:55 PM	Find...
16.	I would support it Only if the Bankers, the Realtors, and the Bar Association were all for it....if they oppose this, we do not have a chance, and may as well not waste our time on it.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:49 PM	Find...
17.	When I am told and understand why licensing is required in this one area when in all other areas of the law, an attorney can practice because they have a law degree and have passed the bar. All attorneys are required to have malpractice insurance. Why does that not protect the public?? What is so different about abstracting? Every attorney can examine an abstract and issue a title opinion, and the attorney can do so without a license.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:18 PM	Find...
18.	Continue our path toward education, but not go the legislative route at this time.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:53 PM	Find...
19.	If the plant is licensed. I woul support abstracter licensing.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:40 PM	Find...

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7. If you do not currently support abstracter licensing, under what circumstances would you be supportive?

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| 20. | None. I consider this to be something being pursued to help ILTA members "feel good" about themselves. I really do not need another level of bureaucrats telling me how to do my job when they have no clue as to the needs of the industry. If an abstracter is incompetent, they will eventually be "weeded out" of the industry due to work going to their competition. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 12:28 PM | Find... |
| 21. | If the licensing requirements applied to everyone abstracting (attorneys and abstracters) and it was tied directly to the requirement to have a licensed title plant, then we could really gain some traction to clean house. I don't see the end of the title industry coming from my title plant licensed competitor, I see it coming from the folks that ignore our rules in the first place. I don't see how a licensing bill will change their way of business. They'll either operate under an attorney exemption or they'll bypass Title Guaranty, and thus not care about licensure. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:19 AM | Find... |
| 22. | I support; exemption for attorneys will probably have to take place; the licensing issue is a separate issue from title plants - keep that in mind; once licensed, an abstractor may be free to roam the state | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 11:01 AM | Find... |
| 23. | I would support licensing if Abstracters could be grandfathered in. After 20+ years of experience (or whatever the number would be), an Abstracter should be able to be licensed because of that experience.
Too much "government" in any profession is not good. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:47 AM | Find... |
| 24. | I just believe that the cost and hassles would not result in more business for us. It's just another cost of doing business with little reward. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:38 AM | Find... |
| 25. | I support it 100%. However, to make anything happen, the Iowa Bar will have to be convinced that it is not a problem for their members. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:36 AM | Find... |
| 26. | I'm not that against it, am not convinced that it solves the curbstoner problem. | Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:31 AM | Find... |

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8. What other legislative issues should the ILTA be pursuing at this time?

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| 1. | CLRIS fees | Mon, Dec 20, 2010 2:35 PM | Find... |
| 2. | limit the abstracting to the county to where the office is located. | Thu, Dec 9, 2010 10:46 AM | Find... |
| 3. | Straighten out ICIS, not sure this is covered by legislative, but we need to do something before it really gets bad | Thu, Dec 2, 2010 4:15 PM | Find... |
| 4. | I don't have anything specific, but we need to monitor anything that governs the development of real estate. In our county, we have a DNR issue regarding an "overlay" of property near the Des Moines River.
Currently, there can be no development, or even remodeling of properties within a certain distance from the river, without soil tests, engineer reports, etc. A huge crowd attended a meeting Monday night regarding the regulations. | Wed, Dec 1, 2010 11:50 AM | Find... |

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8. What other legislative issues should the ILTA be pursuing at this time?

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5.	I do not believe ILTA needs to be involved in any actions. It has shown no inclination to use the influence that it has, but simply left it up to members to do the work of getting bills corrected. Since this is the case, ILTA does not need a professional lobbying effort and should cease the additional fees on its members!	Wed, Dec 1, 2010 9:56 AM	Find...
6.	As technology further opens up access to our public records, we need to work quickly with the bar, recorders & courts to define and limit general access to all these records. It is certainly in the "public" interest and needs to be addressed in the very near future.	Wed, Dec 1, 2010 8:25 AM	Find...
7.	You should find a way to legislativly to allow real title insurance companies to compete side by side with Title Guaranty. Don't forget the title world needs the professional " YOU" equipped with all the tools that are needed to satisfy the whole world of title needs.	Tue, Nov 30, 2010 1:03 PM	Find...
8.	The waiver given to all attorneys to abstract in all Iowa counties should be enforced requiring that the attorneys do the searches themselves as implied in the waiver application. There is a big difference having the attorney review the findings of the 900-901 reports and then signing the reports vs. actually having the attorney do the title search themselves. The CBMS is getting around the requirement of IFA by having an attorney sign all their reports.	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:57 AM	Find...
9.	legalize commercial title insurance	Mon, Nov 29, 2010 8:54 AM	Find...
10.	Making sure that only those abstracters with qualified title plants do the work that we are asked to do. Also, I think the unwritten rule of abstracting only in your county should be enforced!	Tue, Nov 23, 2010 10:45 AM	Find...
11.	Stop the CLRIS situation with all the Recorder's placing the documents we pay for on the internet for free. This is very wrong and hurting our companies. Move filing of mechanic's liens to the Recorder's Office and not in the Clerk's Office.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 4:46 PM	Find...
12.	Nothing. I just like seeing us be more relevant, lately. We do matter, and the board has done a nice job with that.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 3:49 PM	Find...
13.	No comment	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 2:18 PM	Find...
14.	Keeping the abstracter/attorney opinion requirement for Title Guaranty	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:53 PM	Find...
15.	Filing of Mechanics Liens in the Recorder's Office.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 1:40 PM	Find...
16.	Unknown	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 12:28 PM	Find...
17.	A plant law. There is a substantial competitive advantgage to be able to compete without the expense of owning or leasing a plant and maintaining that plant. There is a safety factor to lenders, title holders and title insurers to having a search by a company with a plant.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:50 AM	Find...
18.	I would think all efforts and resources should be directed to the lic. issue.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:36 AM	Find...
19.	I am still very concerned about the waiver of title plants that is being done. And the waiver of attorney abstracters. This is changing the industry by putting an unfair advantage on the attorneys, (or disadvantage for the rest of us). They can abstract in all counties so the title insurance corporations choose them to do their work because they don't have to call on all county abstracters. I believe that some abstract companies are getting the business because of this and then calling us to get copies and to do "searches". they then use our work to make new abstracts and charge alot more for that. What can be done about it???	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:33 AM	Find...
20.	continue support local courthouses	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:31 AM	Find...
21.	If we could legislate competency, that is where our time should be spent.	Mon, Nov 22, 2010 10:17 AM	Find...

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8. What other legislative issues should the ILTA be pursuing at this time?

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