



Iowa Land Title Association Professional Development Courses



The Iowa Land Title Association (ILTA) Certified Land Title Professional (CLTP) designation may be earned as part of the ILTA Professional Development Courses. The courses are offered to ILTA members and non-members.

The four courses of study are considered graduate level courses and are designed for persons with a minimum of three (3) years of experience in a related field.

The courses and exams are provided at the Iowa Finance Authority Building in Des Moines. Exams are required only for persons pursuing the ILTA Certified Land Title Professional Designation and require a 90% exam score to pass.

Each course is approved for 6 hours of CLE by the Iowa Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education.

Membership in the ILTA is required to obtain and maintain the designation of ILTA Certified Land Title Professional. ILTA CLTP info: [ILTA Certified Land Title Professionals - Iowa Land Title Association](#)

COURSE ONE Chain of Title Voluntary Alienation: Overview of Real Property Law: Introduction to Title; Retained Government Rights; Statutory Interests to Property; Freehold Estates; Non-Freehold Estates; Encumbrances. Overview of Abstracting: The Complete Abstract; Remedial Title Legislation; The 40-Year Marketable Title Act; Curative Statutes; Statutes of Limitation, Title Standards 1.1. Iowa Recording Act: Historical Background; Mechanics of Recording; Protection Through the Recording Act. Transfers and Conveyances: Types of Transfers; Deeds and Contracts; Death; Court Decisions; Other Types of Transfers. (*Juhl, Miller*)

COURSE TWO Chain of Title Involuntary Alienation: Court Actions and Litigation Affecting Real Estate: The Judicial Process; Lis Pendens; Liens and Encumbrances; Creditor's Rights; Quiet Title Actions; Foreclosure; Forfeiture. Involuntary Alienation and Legal Descriptions Issues: Water Boundaries; Overlapping Legal Descriptions; Encroachments; Condominiums; Petition by City for Title to Abandoned Property. Wills, Trusts and Probates: The Nature of Probate; Wills and Testate Estates; Intestate Estates; Probate Procedures; Small Estates; Conservatorships and Guardianships; Abstracting "Ancient" Probate Proceedings; Trusts. Iowa Tax Sale Law: Annual Tax Sale; Tax Sale Certificate; Tax Sale Certificate Foreclosure; Tax Sale Deed; Procedures for Challenging Tax Sale Deeds; Statutes of Limitations. (*Juhl, Miller*)

COURSE THREE Legal Entities and Special Circumstances: Bankruptcy and Fraudulent Transfers. Legal Entities: Sole Proprietorships; Corporations; Partnerships and Limited Liability Partnerships; Limited Liability Companies; Housing Cooperatives. Special Circumstances: Schools; Wetlands; Road Districts; Drainage Districts; Churches; Government Owned Property; Powers of Attorney; Dissolution of Marriage; Abstractor Concerns; Ancient Dissolution of Marriage and Divorce Proceedings; Change of Title; Streets, Roads and Highways. (*Juhl, Coy*)

COURSE FOUR Legal Descriptions: Foundation and History: The Importance of Legal Descriptions of Land; Elements of GSS. Mechanics of Surveying: Corrections; Corners, Markers and Monuments; Corner Certificates; Water Boundaries and Government Lots. Land Measurements: Units of Measure; Calculating Acreage; Understanding Elements of Curves. Reading Legal Descriptions: Reading Backwards; Abbreviations; The Power of the Comma; Other Rules of Interpretation. Types and Parts of Legal Descriptions: Types of Legal Descriptions; Aliquot Parts and the GSS; Metes and Bounds; Platted Land; Quantitative. Drawing Legal Descriptions: Distance or Linear Measurements; Direction or Angular References; Curves. (*Juhl, Goulson*)

2026 Courses Calendar – Iowa Finance Authority, 1963 Bell Avenue, Des Moines:

- COURSE ONE: Chain of Title Voluntary Alienation – April 10 (Early Reg. Deadline 3/13/26)
- COURSE TWO: Chain of Title Involuntary Alienation – June 19 (Early Reg. Deadline 5/22/26)
- COURSE THREE: Legal Entities & Special Circumstances – September 21 (Early Reg. Deadline 8/24/26)
- COURSE FOUR: Legal Descriptions – November 6 (Early Reg. Deadline 10/9/26)

Registration opportunities and details on the course and cancellation policy is found on the Events Page of the ILTA website at <https://www.iowalandtitle.org/events/>

Instructors:



Kirsten Juhl, Attorney, Juhl Law Firm, with primary areas of practice in Real Estate Law and Business Law. She is also the ILTA Curriculum Developer and Assistant Professor of Practice in the Finance Department at the University of Northern Iowa.



Nathan Miller, Attorney, Bauerly, Langel & Kuchel, PLC, in Le Mars, Iowa. His practice focuses primarily on real estate, estate planning, probate, wills, and trusts.

Jonathan Coy, Attorney, Thornton & Coy, PLLC in Ames. He is a bankruptcy attorney familiar with Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 in the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa and the impact of either case on real estate.



Ben Goulson, ILTA CLTP, is Co-Owner and Abstractor at Howard County Abstract and Winneshiek Title & Abstract Co. Goulson has a B.A. in Psychology and serves on the ILTA Education Committee & ILTA CLTP Task Force.



ILTA Membership Opportunities and Contact Information

The Iowa Land Title Association (ILTA) was founded in 1903 to assist its members to develop and maintain the highest standards of products and services to the public through its education and advocacy programs. The ILTA is the recognized voice of the real estate title industry in the state of Iowa, and sets the standards of professional excellence and technical competence for the lasting benefit of the public and the industry.

Active Membership is available to any Iowa resident, Iowa firm or Iowa domestic corporation that primarily engages in the business of abstracting, or title research services. Associate Membership is limited to those not qualified for Active membership and is available to any person, firm, corporation or other business entity engaged in providing services related to the land title industry. For more information contact the ILTA at ILTA@austin.rr.com or 800.778.3789.