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ATG offices will be closed November 23 and 24.

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Dear Friend of ATG,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. We at ATG are grateful for your ongoing support.

We recently hosted our [13th Annual Harold I. Levine Real Estate Institute](#), in Oakbrook Terrace — a very successful day. What a pleasure to see more than 250 ATG member agents and estate planning attorneys gathered for a day of education and discussion. We received a lot of positive feedback about the topics, the speakers, and the location. There were many familiar faces, plus a lot of new ones.

The mixture of familiar and new is true within ATG's walls as well. At the end of the year, we will say goodbye to Bob Blessman, our Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, who retires after 16 years of service. We wish Bob well in his retirement. We welcome Chris Burhans, who is working with Bob through the end of the year as he transitions into our new technology leader. Chris has experience within the title insurance industry and brings great vision and energy to this role. We look forward to a new era at ATG under his leadership. Read more about Chris, [here](#).

We have much to be grateful for and to look forward to. We at ATG and subsidiary companies extend our thanks to you for your business, and we wish you a healthy and happy holiday season.

Peter J. Birnbaum

ATG President and Chief Executive Officer

ATG Announces New IT Leadership



Chris Burhans

Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer



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Hot Topic

NEW FRAUD WARNING: *Beware of Email Phishing Schemes, Wire Fraud, and Other Internet Crime* — Our industry is a target, ATG and agents receiving fraudulent emails with attachments and links.

Illinois Public Aid Liens Recorded in the Gap — Always review the GAP search before issuing the policy.

Reminder: Effective October 1 - New ALTA Commitment - Clarity, Plain Language, and New Conditions

Claims Corner

Prevent Claims: Follow these Eleven Tips — Updated October 1, 2017.

ATTORNEYS | Practice Notes

Real Estate and Title News

URGENT WIRE FRAUD REMINDER: *Confirm Wire Instructions before Sending Funds* — Including when transmitting funds to the closing agent and making payoffs of mortgage loans.

Kankakee County Recording Fees Changing in 2018

Casenote

Wisconsin

Easements: *In re Garza* — Deed granting easement to maintain electric transmission lines was not contingent on the wood poles used to maintain the lines. Easements allow for the innovation of technology.

NEWS

Protect Your Transactions | Watch ALTA's two-minute video for fraud prevention tips.



Levine a Success | More than 250 attorneys attend Institute.



Recognition | Chicago-Kent College of Law Alumni Association presents ATG its 2017 Institutional Partner Award



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Live December Program:

Title 101 - Wisconsin | December 6 | Webcast | 1.50 CLE applied for in Wisconsin | Get an overview of title insurance in Wisconsin, from commitment to final policy. *Who Should Attend: ATG Wisconsin member agents and their support staff; Wisconsin real estate attorneys.* [Learn more](#) (account required).

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