

Ray Leclair

new TitlePLUS VP



Ray Leclair, a well-known and respected leader of the real estate bar, joined LAWPRO as the new Vice President, TitlePLUS in early June.

Ray assumed the reins for the TitlePLUS program from Kathleen Waters who was appointed LAWPRO President and CEO in March.

Ray has extensive experience with both the TitlePLUS program and with issues and concerns of the real estate bar. He was one of the first beta testers for the TitlePLUS software in 1997, and has supported the program and its goals ever since. He is past-chair of the Real Estate Section of the Ontario Bar Association and is currently vice-chair of the National Real Property Section of the Canadian Bar Association. As well, Ray is co-chair of the Working Group on Lawyers & Real Estate and is president of the Ontario Real Estate Lawyers Association (ORELA).

Formerly general counsel for the Kanata Research Park Corporation in Ottawa,

Ray was called to the bar in 1984. He has practised in both major national law firms and as a sole practitioner, and was a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa Law School and Cité Collégiale instructing the French language portion of the real estate law course. He has also served for nearly 15 years as the Ottawa senior instructor for the French and English Real Estate Sections of the Bar Admission Course, and is on the Advisory Committee for the Cité Collégiale Legal Assistants Program.

Québec launch makes TitlePLUS program truly national

One of Québec's most respected and established insurance brokers – Dale Parizeau LM – is working with the TitlePLUS program to make TitlePLUS title insurance available to the Québec real estate marketplace.

Notaries in Quebec whose clients are interested in TitlePLUS title insurance coverage will work with Dale Parizeau to complete the required TitlePLUS application and obtain a TitlePLUS policy for their clients.

Founded in 1859, Dale Parizeau LM employs about 250 professionals to provide insurance services to more than 100,000 individuals and companies across the province. Its recent merger with Morris & Mackenzie makes the merged organization the largest privately owned independent brokerage firm in Québec, with about \$200 million in written premiums and close to 400 employees.

Queen's University student wins \$3,000 TitlePLUS 2008 Essay Contest prize

A Queen's University, Faculty of Law student – Julie Lowe – is the winner of the second annual TitlePLUS Essay Prize.

Lowe won for her essay titled "Fraud and the Land Titles System: Deferred Indefeasibility," which examines who should have to bear the loss where there is a fraudulent link in the chain of title to property. Her winning essay explores theories of indefeasibility, and ultimately argues for a more flexible approach, which would provide for greater equity for victims of title fraud.

A second-year student at Queen's University, Lowe also holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Waterloo.

LAWPRO created the TitlePLUS Essay Prize in 2007 to encourage and recognize outstanding legal scholarship in the practice of real estate law. Students from law schools across Canada (excluding Québec) were invited to enter the essay contest.



Kathleen Waters, President & CEO of LAWPRO presents Queen's student Julie Lowe (left) with a cheque for \$3,000 at a ceremony at LAWPRO's Toronto offices in late May.