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Bringing critical thinking to real estate deals



You can rely on the register except when you can't

As between innocent mortgagees, which has priority when a fraudulent discharge of a first mortgage makes way for additional mortgages? [more](#)

What do title insurers expect from lawyers?

Still relatively new in Canada, title insurance is not fully understood by many consumers. Even certain less-sophisticated lenders lack detailed knowledge of the product. The responsibility for explaining title insurance to those who purchase it – and for supporting insureds in obtaining coverage that suits their needs – falls squarely on lawyers' shoulders. [more](#)

Lenders' lawyers: Beware of fake title insurance policies

While relatively rare, LAWPRO has seen instances of fake title insurance policies. Kathleen Waters, LAWPRO's President & CEO, touched on the subject at the Law Society's recent Real Estate Summit. [more](#)

Real estate claims at-a-glance

Read about the most common causes of real estate-based claims, and about what you can do to protect your practice in our handy two-page [Real Estate Claims Fact Sheet](#). [more](#)

Never release funds before closing without meeting security requirements under the Condominium Act

Not infrequently, LAWPRO sees claims related to the release of condominium purchasers' deposits to a vendor prior to closing. The circumstances under which these deposits can be released are strictly limited under the *Condominium Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.19 (the "Act"), and the legislation does not permit contracting out of security requirements. [more](#)

Our new video: Ever wonder what happens if you die without a will?

As part of LAWPRO's public awareness efforts to promote the role of the lawyer, we have produced a video: [Ever wonder what happens if you die without a will?](#) It emphasizes how a preparing a will can avoid a lot of headaches. We will be promoting this video through social media and other channels, and you are welcome to use it to

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Answer our poll question!

How do you most commonly conduct your search of title in a purchase transaction?

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Looking for simply-priced title insurance?



Key dates

July 31, 2015

Real estate and civil litigation transaction levies and forms are due for the quarter ended June 30, 2015.

September 15, 2015

File your [LAWPRO Risk Management Declaration](#) by this date to qualify for the \$50 premium discount for each LAWPRO-approved CPD program (to a maximum of \$100).



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Career opportunity: Claims counsel position

LAWPRO is currently seeking candidates for the position of Claims Counsel in its Specialty Claims Department. This permanent, full-time position offers the opportunity to build expertise in the area of insurance coverage.

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