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TEXAS LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION

TLTA Presents 2025 President's Award to Title Agents Who Testified During Rate Hearings

The Texas Land Title Association (TLTA) proudly honored a distinguished group of title professionals with the 2025 James H. Garst President's Award during TLTA's Annual Conference and Business Meeting in Nashville. This special recognition was awarded to a group of title agents who demonstrated extraordinary leadership by testifying on behalf of the title industry during this year's regulatory rate review process—a process that remains ongoing. This year's James H. Garst President's Award honorees include:

- Susan Garcia, Valley Land Title
- Laura Hillis, Central Land Title
- Laurie Leenhouts, Title Partners
- Nathan and Misty Lowry, Big Country Title
- Randy Pearson, CTIP, NTP, Town Square Title

Selected by 2024-2025 TLTA President Claire Hartman, CTIP, the award recipients were recognized for their willingness to testify publicly at the Texas Department of Insurance's rate hearing in October 2024, and some again in court just weeks before the conference, as the association continued its efforts to ensure fair and accurate rate setting for the title insurance industry.



While not all recipients were able to attend the Conference in Nashville, those in attendance—Nathan and Misty Lowry and Randy Pearson, CTIP, NTP—were honored on stage by 2024-2025 TLTA President Claire Hartman, CTIP

"These professionals bravely answered the call to service," said Hartman. "It's not easy to open your business to public scrutiny, especially in a regulatory or legal forum, but their honest, factual, and heartfelt testimony powerfully conveyed how the proposed rate changes would impact not only their companies, but consumers and the title industry as a whole."

During both proceedings, the witnesses shared detailed, real-world insights into how a rate decrease would affect operations, jobs, service quality, and local communities across Texas. Their powerful stories helped TLTA advocate effectively for a balanced, data-driven approach to rate setting.

Their contributions reflect the spirit of the James H. Garst President's Award, which celebrates exceptional service to the association and industry. TLTA extends its deepest gratitude to this group for their selfless advocacy and commitment to protecting the future of Texas title insurance.

About TLTA

Founded in 1908, The Texas Land Title Association (TLTA) is a statewide trade association representing the Texas title insurance industry and currently serving over 20,000 professionals involved in the safe and efficient transfer of real estate. In the course of their daily work, our membership serves over a million consumers each year. With active members in virtually every county in Texas, TLTA membership comprises nearly 80 percent of all title insurance agents and underwriters licensed to do business in Texas. For more information about TLTA, visit www.tlta.com