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TLTA Honors John S. Updegraff, Jr. With 2025 Title Person of the Year Award

The Texas Land Title Association (TLTA), one of the state's most respected and longstanding trade associations, is proud to announce John S. Updegraff, Jr. Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Central Title Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as the recipient of the prestigious Title Person of the Year Award. This highest honor, regarded as a lifetime achievement award, was presented during TLTA's Annual Conference and Business Meeting in Nashville by 2024-2025 TLTA President Claire Hartman, CTIP.

A humble and dedicated leader, John Updegraff has given generously of his time and talents over the course of his long and distinguished career. Known for his quiet strength, sharp intellect, and deep respect for others, John has been a guiding force behind TLTA's work for decades, always approaching challenges with thoughtful diligence and a collaborative spirit.



John Updegraff Jr., alongside his family is honored with Title Person of the Year by TLTA 2024-25 President Claire Hartman, CTIP

"John is the kind of leader every association hopes to have—wise, dependable, deeply principled, and absolutely tireless in his service," said TLTA President Claire Hartman. "He's the person you go to when you need clarity, historical insight, or just a steady hand. This award reflects not only his encyclopedic knowledge of our industry, but the integrity and heart he brings to this work."

Throughout his tenure in the industry, Updegraff has served on numerous TLTA committees, including key roles on the Finance, Legislative, and Regulatory Committees. He served on the TLTA Board of Directors and was elected TLTA President for the 2021-2022 term. His reputation for thorough research, keen attention to detail, and commitment to doing what's right—no matter how long it takes—has earned him the respect and admiration of peers across the state.

Leslie Midgley, CAE, Executive Vice President and CEO of TLTA, echoed those sentiments, saying, "John is one of the most principled, kind, and quietly effective leaders we've had the privilege of working with. His willingness to dig in, do the hard work, and help carry the load—always with humility and grace—has made an enormous impact on our association and the title industry at large."



John Updegraff Jr., accompanied by wife Peggy and son Curtis, receives Title Person of the Year Award at the TLTA Annual Conference in Nashville

A true servant-hearted leader, Updegraff is respected not only for his knowledge and contributions, but for the way he treats others with kindness, honesty, and a touch of humor. He is known by many as someone who uplifts his colleagues and leads by example, without ever seeking the spotlight.

TLTA is honored to recognize John for his legacy of leadership, integrity, and the countless ways he has strengthened the TLTA community and the title insurance industry.

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