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President's Message

Dear Members:

Each year, PRIA members can acknowledge a person instrumental to its existence through two forms of recognition: The Carl R. Ernst Founders Award and the Black Knight Carl Ernst Scholarship.

The Founders Award was established by the PRIA Board of Directors on June 1, 2005, to be presented in recognition of proven, unique leadership and achievement in resolving issues in the property records industry. Nominations are now open. If you are interested in nominating someone, [click here](#).



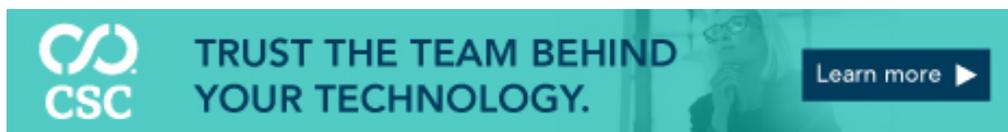
Funded by Black Knight, the Ernst Scholarship was established to provide a one-year membership and a single conference registration for one government and one business sector organization each year. If you know an organization that has not previously been a member of PRIA, encourage them to apply. [Click here](#) to access the application.

Both awards honor the memory of Carl R. Ernst, a founding member of PRIA and a visionary in the property records industry. Please take a moment and consider someone deserving of either of these honors.

Before closing, I wanted to share that Mallory Smith, who has been working with PRIA for more than four years, was just recently promoted to its Operations Manager. Congratulations Mallory! Thank you for all you do for PRIA.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lewallen
President

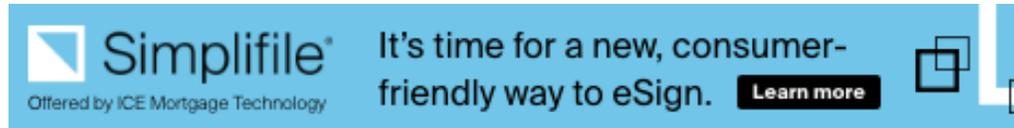


eClosings Produce Positive ROI

A recent MarketWise Advisors study showed the impact of eClosings with Remote Online Notarization (RON) via the online notarization platform.

The study found that lenders can save up to \$444 per loan, and title agents up to \$100 per loan. It also found that all forms of eClosing produced positive ROI, as they can be closed faster, with fewer errors, and with more money saved than with in-person processes.

For the complete report, [click here](#).



eRecording Milestone and Document Survey Available

A new milestone has been reached in the number of recording jurisdictions that are electronically recording documents. As of February 28, 2022, 2,412 recording jurisdictions were eRecording enabled. Now more than 67 percent of the jurisdictions in the United States offer electronic recording. PRIA maintains a list of counties that have implemented eRecording technology and posts the lists on the association's website, www.pria.us.

And speaking of eRecording, PRIA recently released its bi-annual Document Volume Survey. The survey includes recording jurisdictions that enabled electronic recording prior to January 1, 2021. The findings of the fourth survey indicate that eRecording increased by 14%, while paper recordings decreased by the same amount.

To access the Fourth Document Volume Survey, [click here](#).



In Case You Missed It

PRIA's most recent publication, *Redaction Best Practices*, was posted to PRIA's Resource Library in late February. This paper is the culmination of a series of publications authored by the Redaction Work Group which began with a July 2020 educational paper on *Social Security Numbers (SSN)*, which explains how SSNs have been structured and used through the years and what to expect in the future.

A state-by-state chart of redaction legislation was the second deliverable from the work group. This chart also identified the type of redaction legislation in place or pending for every state. It was completed in January 2021.

PRIA and ALTA then collaborated on three papers to educate the property records industry and lawmakers on record shielding, including an FAQ document accompanied by best practices, which identified ways to redact with minimal impact on the public land record.

The latest *Redaction Best Practices* paper has been in development since mid-2020, with a three-month hiatus to generate a fourth piece on *Automated Redaction Technology*. The paper identifies and explains nine best practices for redaction along with three best practices for issuing an RFP for redaction tools. This information will prepare you to discuss the effects of redaction with policymakers.

On the website, click the Resource Library and type in keyword "redaction". You'll be rewarded with a list of seven documents on this topic which offer information and direction on dealing with the challenges of redaction.



Seeking State Recruiters

Are you passionate about PRIA? Are you willing to reach out to folks in your state (either business or government) who would benefit from membership in the association?

If you answered yes, we want you to join the ranks of our state recruiters. Our goal is to have one person in each state who is willing to spread the word about PRIA. According to a recent membership study by Marketing General, 57% of associations reported that word of mouth recommendations net them more members. We need your help spreading the word.

To become a state recruiter, [click here](#).

PRIA Website Matters – Legislative News

Most state legislatures are now in session and many of them are crafting legislation that could potentially impact the property records industry. Often times have you noticed that a law passed in one state sparks legislation in other states. How do you possibly keep up?

As a member of PRIA, we have regular legislative updates available at no cost on the member's only side of the website.

- To access, first navigate to the members page on the website **member access page**.
- Once on the "Member Access" page, scroll down to Legislative News. You will need to use your PRIA login/password to access this page.

From there you can view several resources with legislative tracking that are updated weekly during the legislative sessions.

Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed 10 new members in February 2022.

Government

Apache County, AZ
Bibb County Superior Court Clerk's Office, GA
Chisago County Recorder's Office, MN
Cobb County Superior Court Clerk, GA
County of Alpena, MI
Crook County, OR
Henry County, IA
Utah County, UT

Business

Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp.
eNotaryLog, LLC

Total paid membership in PRIA as of February 28, 2022, is 776.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS 2021-22

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

CSC
eRecording Partners Network
ICE Mortgage Technology
Notarize Inc.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

American Land Title Association

GOLD MEMBERS

Black Knight - Ernst Fee Service
Computing System Innovations
Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp.
Esri Inc.
Fidelity National Title Group
Granicus
Harris Recording Solutions

PLATINUM
Kofile Technologies
Property Insight

Nationwide Title Clearing
Pioneer Technology Group
Tyler Technologies
Wells Fargo
Westcor Land Title Insurance Co.

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