

II. Article Two

A. Objects and Purposes

1. The objects and purposes of the Association are these:
 - a. to promote the general welfare of independent title agents in the United States;
 - b. to promote the continuing development of industry education, consumer education and policy modification to benefit title agents and the consumer;
 - c. to promote and uphold the principles, standards and integrity of the title insurance profession;
 - d. to promote the goals of independent title agents who practice the land records search, abstract and settlement process for the benefit of the title agent and the consumer while maintaining and following the Code of Ethics of the Association, without participating in business arrangements that lack transparency, and/or create a conflict of interest.

XII. Article Twelve

A. Code of Ethics

1. Cannons
 - a. Members shall do nothing in their professional capacity that would create a conflict of interest between the business of title insurance and the business of their customers or create the appearance of impropriety in the conduct of their business.
 - b. Members shall continuously endeavor to obtain and hold a reputation for honesty, integrity and avoid any circumstance in which the independence and autonomy of the title insurance agent may be questioned.
 - c. Members shall support legislation throughout the United States which is in the public interest and will unburden real estate from unnecessary restrictions and restraints or alienation so long as that legislation and/or private action preserves the sanctity and integrity of the title insurance agent and the title insurance industry as a whole.

d. Members shall support the organization and the development of those title associations that support the efforts of independent title insurance agents.

e. Members shall continue to issue abstracts of title or policies of title insurance only after a complete and thorough investigation, founded upon adequate records and learned examination thereof, and shall otherwise so conduct their business that the needs of their customers shall be of paramount importance so long as those needs do not conflict with the role of an independent title insurance agent.

f. Members shall advocate for the preservation of the independent title insurance agent and shall do all things legally necessary to ensure that prohibited persons do not act as agents for title insurance companies.