#### Southeast Land Title Association

# TITLE WAVE



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## LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER WITH SLTA



## Join us in New Orleans!

We invite you to join us at Southeast Land Title Association's 51st Annual Convention at the beautiful Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, Louisiana, French Quarter. This year's convention will be held September 14—16, 2017.

We are excited to be back in New Orleans, and we have a jam-packed schedule of food, fun, and education planned for you! Attending the SLTA Annual Convention is a wonderful way to network with your peers and get up-to-date information on current trends in the industry.

This year's program will include a Masquerade Party, Dinner and Entertainment at the World War II Museum, and six hours of continuing education credits, including ethics.

#### **Hotel Accommodations**

Rooms have been blocked at the Hotel Monteleone, 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70117. However, the room block has filled at this time. We may be able to add some additional rooms to our block in about 2 weeks, but in the meantime, we urge you to make a reservation at the Wyndham New Orleans, 124 Royal Street by calling (504) 529-7211. Be sure to ask for the Southeast Land Title Association block rate of \$179.

# 2017 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 14th	
1:00 pm—5:00 pm	Convention Registration & Exhibitor Set up
2:00 pm-3:00 pm	Committee Meetings
3:00 pm-4:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 pm—9:00 pm	Masquerade Dinner & Cocktails in the French Quarter
Friday, September 15th	
8:00 am-8:30 am	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:30 am-9:30 am	General Session (CE/CLE) - "Pointers on Closing SBA Loans &
9:30 am-9:45 am	Break with Exhibitors
9:45 am-10:45 am	General Session (CE/CLE) - "Ethics" by Michael Holden of North
10:45 am-11:00 am	Break with Exhibitors
11:00 am—12:00 am	General Session (CE/CLE) - "Environmental Law for Real Estate Pro-
12:00 pm—1:00 pm	Past President's Luncheon
12:00 pm-5:30 pm	Afternoon Free
5:30 pm—9:00 pm	SLTA Lagniappe & Cocktails at the Hotel, then Dinner and Show at
Saturday, September 16th	
8:00 am-8:30 am	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:30 am-9:30 am	General Session (CE/CLE) - "Title Agent Panel"
9:30 am-9:45 am	Break with Exhibitors
9:45 am-10:45 am	General Session (CE/CLE) - "ALTA Update" by Dan Wold, Treasurer of ALTA
10:45 am-11:45 am	General Session (CE/CLE) - "Cyber Security Jeopardy" by William
11:45—12:00 pm	Annual Meeting of SLTA
12:00 pm—1:30 pm	President's Luncheon & Awards



Masquerade Party

Thursday evening will be your chance to dress up in your craziest Mardi Gras attire and have fun in the French Quarter. We have the balcony of the Bourbon Orleans Hotel reserved for our party. We'll have masks, beads to throw, plenty of cocktails and food, and prizes of \$100 cash will be given for the "Tackiest Costume" and "Best Costume". Be prepared to kick off the fun in New Orleans that night.



## World War II Museum Dinner & Show

Join us for some SLTA Lagniappe and specialty cocktails with a program honoring our veterans at the hotel before leaving by bus to the World War II Museum on Friday evening. We will enjoy dinner and a show performed by the Victory Belles at the museum. Take some time to visit the museum during the afternoon; then join us for the evening events.

Register Now www.SLTAOnline.net

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow members of SLTA. It has been a pleasure to serve as your president this past year and I am looking forward to what will be a fabulously fun and enlightening annual convention in New Orleans next month.

I trust that you and your professional business relationships have benefited from the growth which is taking place in both the commercial and residential real estate markets, and that next year will be prosperous for you as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members in Alabama and Georgia who worked diligently on their state title schools, and to extend a special thank you to Georgia for allowing SLTA to hold its midyear meeting in conjunction with its title school in Atlanta.

As you are well aware, SLTA is a fabulous organization with over 50 years of tradition and relationships in its history I am confident that SLTA's future leadership will work hard to preserve SLTA's heritage and to ensure that our organization continues to successively serve its membership.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence and I look forward to seeing all of you in New Orleans. Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Maria Martinez
Rushing & Guice, PLLC



### SLTA'S NEW WEBSITE



As a part of our change of name and logo, SLTA recently updated the look of their website. The site includes cityscapes in Jackson, MS, Birmingham, AL and Atlanta, GA. The page flips from one state to the next and shares the following message:

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in SLTA is an investment in your future. Collectively, we make a difference! Join us as we work together to bring title industry issues to the forefront.

#### **EDUCATION**

SLTA is committed to raising the professionalism of its membership by providing quality educational presentations in all three states.

#### **ADVOCACY**

SLTA works to identify and pursue legislative and regulatory issues of importance to the land title industry in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

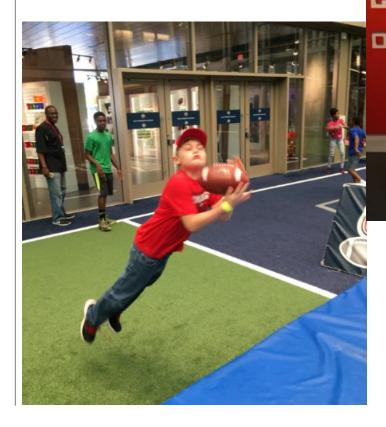
Take a moment to visit the new site. If you have not renewed your membership, you can do so online at any time.

## 2017 MID-YEAR MEETING IN ATLANTA



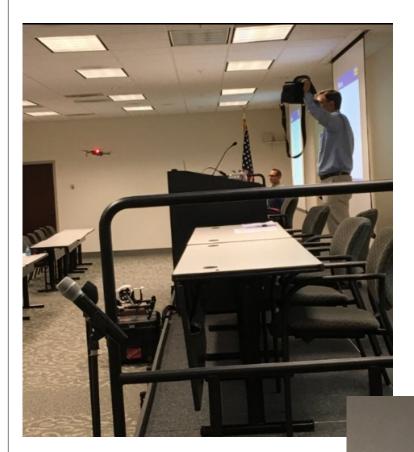
Attendees enjoyed dinner and drinks on the floor of the College Football Hall of Fame Indoor Playing Field.

SLTA President Maria Martinez proudly sings the LSU Fight Song at the function.



Carter Levstek (son of Kyle J. Levstek) makes the game winning catch!

# 2017 MID-YEAR MEETING IN ATLANTA (CONT'D)



A drone flies over the Mid-Year Seminar Classroom.

Speaker Carol Clark and Kathy Stewart thrilled participants with the "Key or No Key" presentation.

## SLTA MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON



Bobby Burgess of Fidelity National Title Group, Lea Ann Chadwick of TitleSouth, Joe Powell of Commonwealth Land Title Co., Amy Niesen of Land Title Co. of Alabama, and Charlie Gray of Surety Land Title, Inc. represented SLTA by attending the ALTA Summit in Washington, D.C.

Alabama Congressman Bradley Byrne of the 1st District met with SLTA representatives and ALTA Licensing and Membership Manager Whitney Larman.



# SLTA Members in Washington (Cont'd)



Alabama delegation meets with the staff of U. S. Senator Luther Strange.

SLTA Members met on the steps of the Capitol after a successful day!



# **Security Title Guarantee Hosts Seminars**

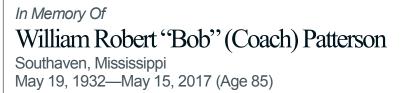
The Security Title Guarantee Corporation of Baltimore recently hosted three continuing legal education seminars for its agents and guest. SLTA member and Security Title Vice President Roy Perilloux reports that the seminars were given in Gulfport at the Great Southern Club, in Jackson at the Capitol Club, and in Hernando at the new Hampton Inn. Approximately 120 agents and staff in total attend the events. Each site was approved for six hours of Mississippi Continuing Legal Education, including the one hour ethics requirements.





## In Memorium







In Memory Of

Rowan Hurt Taylor

Jackson, Mississippi

Jan 13, 1925 - Jul 18, 2017 (Age 92)

#### **SLTA VISION STATEMENT:**

Southeast Land Title Association sets the standard for ethics, knowledge, and success in the land title industry.

#### **SLTA MISSION STATEMENT:**

The mission of Southeast Land Title Association is to promote the safe and efficient transfer of real property ownership through education, public awareness, and legislative advocacy.

#### **SLTA COMMITTEES:**

- Finance Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Education Committee
- Convention Committee
- Governmental/Legislative Committee
- Membership Committee

If you wish to participate as a member of one of these committees, please notify the Executive Director at 225-291-2806, or LAlwood@AOL.com.

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