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Ernst Taps Industry Veteran to Head Product Management

Chris Dufault joins Ernst to provide leadership as company rolls out new offerings

ALBANY, NY—July 28, 2014—Ernst Publishing Company, the leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries for the past 25 years, announced today that Chris Dufault, an industry veteran with more than 25 years of experience, will join the company as Director of Product Management. In his new role, Dufault will lead a team that will direct the company's future product development as well as the enhancement of the company's industry leading offerings.

"Chris is an excellent choice for this position because he knows the industry, the companies operating here and their needs," said Gregory E. Teal, president and chief executive officer of Ernst Publishing. "Ernst has proven itself to be a very innovative company. Our products meet the current needs of our client base, which is extensive. Chris will help Ernst ensure that our clients' future needs are also met."

Dufault brings 25 years of product innovation in the public record information industry to Ernst Publishing. His career has put him in charge of information services development, spanning pre-internet systems through the latest mobile platforms. He has successfully led product teams at Experian, Choicepoint and Prentice Hall. In addition, Dufault has formed several companies around big data, predictive analytics and consumer products. He has filed a number of patent applications and brings cost-effective best practices for internal, vendor and client side product development.

"Ernst Publishing has earned a great reputation in the industry for being a consistent innovator," Dufault said. "I'm very excited to be part of a company that understands that technological solutions are, by their very nature, always changing to meet the new needs of the industry. I'm looking forward to working with this team and continuing to build on the company's legacy."

Over the past five years, Ernst Publishing has doubled in size, increasing the number of people it employs in every department. In 2012, the company earned its first U.S. patent for technologies it has developed. By 2014, Ernst had processed its 1 billionth transaction, supporting nearly every facet of the lending process for clients across the industry.

About the Ernst Publishing Company

Celebrating 25 years in business, Ernst Publishing Company continues to be the leading authority on land recording requirements in the nation. In fact, Ernst's recording fee, transfer tax and title data have been integrated throughout the title and lending industries. Due to CFPB requirements that went into effect in January 2010, accurate recording fees and taxes for

recording documents have never been more important. Ernst excels at creating solutions for their clients to manage not just those fees—but also all vendor fees—with unparalleled precision. As a company, our goal is simple: Empower clients to not only meet CFPB's new compliance regulations for Blocks 4-8, but set the industry standard for client satisfaction, an attainable goal due to our patented technology, impeccable data standards, expertise at creating custom solutions, and network of partners. Ernst's patented solutions are trusted and used by all 10 of the nation's top banks, all 5 of the top title underwriters and 9 out of 10 originators nationwide.

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