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### **Ernst Sponsors Two PRIA Scholarships**

*The program is designed to advance the industry and is named for company founder*

**ALBANY, NY—August 24, 2015**—Ernst Publishing Company, the leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries for the past 26 years, announced today that the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) has awarded two scholarships from a fund established by Ernst Publishing in recognition of the company's late founder, Carl R. Ernst. This is the second year these scholarships have been awarded. The scholarships, while awarded recently, will be presented during the association's winter conference, when the recipients will be in attendance.

This year's recipients are Gayle VanHooser, register of deeds for Grundy County, Tennessee, and Melissa Dunlap, chief of state to the South Carolina Secretary of State. The awards include a one-year PRIA membership along with conference registration and travel to one PRIA conference during the membership year.

"PRIA was created in the spirit of collaboration. We achieve so much when we have full participation in important industry trade associations that shape our future. Unfortunately, many local governments do not have the budget to allow their staff to attend conferences," said Gregory E. Teal, president and chief executive officer of Ernst Publishing. "With local government officials having such pivotal roles in regard to the processes we depend upon today, we're proud to make these scholarships available. And, we are proud to continue my father's (Carl's) legacy."

"The late Carl Ernst was one of the original members of the Property Records Industry Joint Task Force, the predecessor to PRIA," said PRIA President Mark Ladd in a release announcing the awards. "He was a tireless advocate for the development of both eRecording and basic standards for the property records industry. We could not be more pleased to partner with Ernst Publishing Co. in sponsoring this scholarship."

Liz Kelly, Director of Research at Ernst Publishing, is this year's conference co-chair representing the company at many PRIA functions and will be presenting the scholarships at the upcoming winter conference.

"I love this part of my job," Kelly said. "County Recorders and County Clerks work very

hard and care about our industry and the consumers they serve. Their contributions are essential to the success and collaborative work we do within the PRIA organization.”

Ernst programs process an average of 150 million real estate transactions every year, industry-wide. Since the company was founded 26 years ago, Ernst has processed over 1 billion transactions. The firm estimates that its patented technology is in use for 90% of the nation’s new loan originations and refinance transactions.

### **About the Ernst Publishing Company**

The Ernst Publishing Company has been the leading authority on land recording requirements for more than two decades. In fact, Ernst’s recording fee, transfer tax and title data have been integrated throughout the title and lending industries. Legal requirements have made accurate recording fees and taxes for recording documents more important than ever. 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 the Loan Estimate, 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 9 of the nation’s top 10 mortgage servicers, all 5 of the top title underwriters and 9 out of 10 mortgage originators nationwide, including 9 of the 10 largest banks.

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