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### **Ernst Gives Back this Season with PRIA Awards**

*In the tradition of giving back, Ernst makes awards that will build a stronger industry*

**ALBANY, NY—December 6, 2016**—Ernst Publishing Company, the leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries for the past 27 years, announced that the company has made its 2016 award decisions. Providing awards and scholarships to industry participants is the way the company gives back at the same time it works to build a stronger industry.

This year the company awarded:

Its annual PRIA scholarship to Staci Hoffman, Register of Deeds for Jefferson Co., Wisconsin. The scholarship was made possible by a fund established by Ernst Publishing in recognition of the company's late founder, Carl R. Ernst and gives a hardworking public servant an annual PRIA membership. This is the third year the company has offered scholarships for this purpose.

AND

Its annual Carl R. Ernst Founders Award to Carol Foglesong, assistant controller for Orange County, Florida. Ernst Publishing's founder and founding member of the PRIA board of directors created the PRIA Founders Award to honor an industry member who reflects the association's core values and who has provided proven, unparalleled leadership in addressing specific industry needs and standards.

“As part of our legacy we remain dedicated to PRIA and the core values our founder instilled in those of us who remain to carry on his legacy and the work he began,” said Gregory E. Teal, president and chief executive officer of Ernst Publishing. “The Property Records Industry is vitally important to our concept of land ownership, a core value our country was built upon. We are very proud to continue the tradition of sponsoring these important awards. We consider it part of our responsibility to give back to an industry that has given so much to all of us.”

Ernst programs will process nearly 250 million real estate transactions in 2016. Since the company was founded 27 years ago, Ernst has processed over 1 billion transactions

and unveiled dozens of technologies and products that produce efficiency across the real estate industry. The company earned a patent for its search engine technology and CEO Gregory E. Teal is a Mortgage Banking magazine Tech All-Star. The firm estimates that its patented technology is in use for the vast majority 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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