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Nominations Open for Ernst-Sponsored Awards

Reserved for the industry's foremost leaders, this award recognizes the industry's best

ALBANY, NY—March 5, 2018—Ernst, the leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries for the past 29 years, announced today that the company would be sending executives to the Property Records Industry Association's (PRIA's) Winter Symposium, taking place February 26-March 1, 2018 at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans. The company also announced that nominations are now open for both the two Carl R. Ernst Scholarship Awards and the Founders Award that Ernst sponsors for PRIA members each year.

The two scholarships cover 2018-2019 PRIA membership fees and one conference, allowing industry who leaders who would not otherwise be able to participate, join the organization at no expense. The award criteria requires that eligible applicants have not previously been members of PRIA and have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in their chosen fields, been active in their communities and proven service consistent with the mission and values of PRIA. The new PRIA membership year begins on August 1, 2018. Scholarships are offered to one public and one private sector individual each year.

The Carl R. Ernst Founders Award was established by the PRIA Board of Directors on June 1, 2005, to be presented in recognition of proven, unique leadership and achievement in resolving issues in the property records industry. The Founders Award is given to honor a member who not only reflects PRIA's core values, but who has provided unique leadership in addressing a specific industry need or standard.

"PRIA's core values are clearly reflected through the integrity of its members who use their professional skill, industry knowledge and diversity to responsibly address industry issues," PRIA leadership wrote in its January newsletter. "Without the integrity displayed through their neutral objectivity, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to formulate and adopt national industry standards."

Carl Ernst founded Ernst Publishing Company in 1989 and began growing it into what would become the leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries for the past 29 years. He was a founding member of PRIA and was instrumental in drafting legislation concerning the Uniform Commercial Code most notably Revised Article 9.

“From the day Carl helped found PRIA until his death he remained dedicated to the organization and its core values,” said Gregory E. Teal, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ernst Publishing. “It has become part of our mission to carry on his legacy and continue the work he began. Continuing to sponsor these important awards is part of that work and we hope it will serve to attract the kind of leaders to the organization that will work with us to build a stronger industry.”

This year’s recipients will be selected by a committee that includes the PRIA officers and a representative of Ernst Publishing Co. Applications are due in the PRIA offices by June 15, 2018. Selections will be made on or before July 15. For more information or to nominate someone, visit with PRIA website.

About PRIA

The Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) develops and promotes national standards and best practices for the land records industry. PRIA is a coalition of government and business partners collaborating to formulate positions on issues of common interest. PRIA strives to identify areas of consensus within the industry, leading to recommendations for national standards pertaining to recordable documents. For more information, visit www.pria.us.

About Ernst

Ernst has been the leading authority on land recording requirements for nearly three decades. In fact, Ernst’s recording fees, transfer taxes 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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