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To: All South Carolina Chicago Title Agents and Staff Members

From: Nancy H. Booco, SC Operations President

RE: Retirement

As most of you know I am retiring effective December 31, 2007.

I have thought long and hard about what I would say to you when this day came. In the end I decided that I would simply tell you the truth. I have known for over a year that this would be my last year in this position. It truly hurts me to think that I am leaving this position and you. I have delayed this day as long as is practical but I cannot stay forever. Among other issues, I have family members that need my attention. My husband has waited a long time for me to join him in retirement. My father is elderly and I have assumed the role of caretaker. It is becoming increasingly difficult to balance the conflicting needs of family and the work that I adore. In addition, my staff is well trained and my replacement is ready for the task.

Please understand that I have grieved over the loss of you. I have considered it an honor and a privilege to know you and to serve you and to be a part of what you do. Meeting your needs daily has been my passion and my calling. I believe that I have done the best for you that I could do.

You have rewarded me beyond my expectations. I stand in awe of you and how well you handle the tasks day in and day out of the various practices that you have. You have given my life meaning and direction and purpose and focus and challenge for 31 years. I thank you for that. And I love each one of you. I cannot at this time imagine a more rewarding life than the one I have enjoyed working for you.

Some of you will remember 1977 when there were only three of us and about 20 agents. I was the young attorney on staff for underwriting, claims and visiting and recruiting agents. I came to Chicago Title with an admiration for real estate law and a keen interest in title issues. I wanted a place to expand my knowledge in these areas so that I could return to private practice. Well it is 31 years later and here I am. You changed my mind. Knowing you personally, professionally, and as business partners in the finest sense of that word changed me and altered my work goal. I cannot imagine a more rewarding working life than the one that you provided.

As we announced at the seminars, Claire Manning will be assuming the position of South Carolina State Manager. What you do not know is that I selected Claire for this position many years ago. She has many years experience in the title industry and has worked with me for fifteen years. She knows title and real estate law and practice. More importantly, I believe she has the same heart for you and your needs that I have. In my opinion she is the perfect and natural choice for this position.

We also announced the succession plan in underwriting and agency. Martha McConnell, Agency Rep for SC South, will transition into the underwriting department upon her graduation from law school in 2008. Martha has been with us for eight years. She is already a fine underwriter and an experienced title researcher and closer and knows agency work. Denise Seay has already begun her duties as Agency Rep for SC South. She brings twenty years of experience as a real estate paralegal to us and can do whatever you need her to do. She has been with us for over a year. We have learned a lot from Denise and she is a natural choice for the rep position. Sasha Davis has already begun her duties as Agency Rep for SC North. She has trained under Betty Yeates for the past year in that territory so most of our agents there already know and appreciate the talent and energy that she brings to the position. She is a natural to succeed Betty in SC North.

Finally, I point out that you know the remainder of our staff and the excellent service that they provide.

The heart and core of this service center, this service organization, is more than in place. It is trained and strong and experienced and dedicated to continuing to be here for you. I believe that this is the last gift that I can give you.

2008 will have many challenges and adjustments for me personally. As part of my transition into full time retirement, I have agreed to work as a consultant on a limited basis in SC for a year. If you need me, please contact me. As always, if there is something I can do for you, if it is within my power to do so, I will do it.

Finally, I have no great words of wisdom regarding how to practice law or manage an office. We have shared those ideas through the many years. So in the end I tell you simply to take care of your health, love your families and friends, and value yourselves for the work that you do. What you do is noble and good and honorable. You help many people as they pursue what we know as the American Dream.

God bless you. God bless America.

Nancy Hallman Booco