



TO: Approved NC Attorneys of Chicago Title

FROM: Chicago Title North Carolina State Counsel

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RE: ALTA Best Practices 4.2 Update and FinCEN Bootcamp

As part of our continued efforts to provide you with the latest information on new and upcoming changes to the real estate industry, we wanted to make you aware of some helpful resources available through the American Land Title Association (ALTA) website.

ALTA recently updated its Best Practices Framework to include guidance on the identity verification process in your real estate closings. The updated ALTA Best Practices 4.2 includes requirements for staff training to detect impersonation attempts, stronger controls over notary and signing agent selection, additional verification steps for third-party professionals and defined protocols for responding to suspected fraud. Detailed information is available in [ALTA - ALTA Updates Best Practices to Include Requirements for Identity Verification Processes](#) and the full update is found at [ALTA - Best Practices](#).

Additionally, in anticipation of the new FinCEN regulations which will become effective on December 1, 2025, ALTA is offering a virtual [ALTA FinCEN Bootcamp](#) on **Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. ALTA membership is not required for registration, which will get you access to the live virtual presentation and CE/CLE credit or to the recording to be released later which will not be offered for CE/CLE credit. More information on the new regulations is available in our [Chicago Bull](#).

As always, our underwriting counsel team is always available to assist you in navigating through these and other industry changes. You can contact us [directly](#) or contact your local Chicago Title [office](#) for more information.

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