



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **TitlePLUS<sup>®</sup> Essay Prize: \$3,000 top award for real estate law student**

**Toronto, December 2, 2008:** One Canadian law student will have an extra \$3,000 to put towards his/her education next year: He or she will be the winner of the third annual TitlePLUS Essay Prize, created by LAWPRO<sup>®</sup> (Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company) to encourage and recognize outstanding legal scholarship in the practice of real estate law.

Canadian law students<sup>1</sup> are invited to submit an essay on a number of topics related to the practice of real estate law such as: ethical issues in the practice of real estate law, reform of law society rules, practising law in an electronic environment, the role of the lawyer in preventing real estate fraud, and the use of title insurance in real estate transactions. A panel of judges will review the submissions and award the \$3,000 prize in spring 2009.

"We feel privileged to be in a position to support future members of the Bar striving for academic excellence in this field" says Raymond G. Leclair, TitlePLUS vice president. "The TitlePLUS Essay Prize demonstrates how important the continued growth of the real estate bar is to LAWPRO."

Fostering excellence in legal research and writing is consistent with LAWPRO's role as the only Bar-related<sup>®</sup> title insurance fund in Canada. LAWPRO is committed to working with the real estate Bar in the public interest and to undertaking educational initiatives aimed at informing both the public and lawyers about the role of the lawyer and title insurance in real estate transactions.

The contest deadline is March 31, 2009. Full contest rules are available at: [www.titleplus.ca](http://www.titleplus.ca).

### **About LAWPRO and TitlePLUS title insurance**

TitlePLUS title insurance is provided by the Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO), an insurance company incorporated in 1990 by the Law Society of Upper Canada and licensed to provide professional liability insurance and title insurance in numerous jurisdictions across Canada. LAWPRO has earned an A (Excellent) financial strength rating by A.M. Best Co., a leading rating agency, for the last six consecutive years.

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<sup>1</sup> LAWPRO regrets that residents of Québec are not eligible.

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