

NOTICE TO NEW YORK TITLE INSURANCE AGENTS

CYBERSECURITY REPORTING

As an attorney and title insurance agent, you and your staff regularly handle personal and confidential information. It is important that you have procedures in place to safeguard this private personal data from hackers and identity thieves.

The New York Department of Financial Services has adopted Cybersecurity Requirements for title insurance companies and agents. You may claim a limited exemption from some of these requirements if:

- a) you have fewer than 10 employees, including independent contractors; or
- b) you have less than \$5,000,000 in gross annual revenue in each of the last 3 fiscal years from NY business; or
- c) You have less than \$10,000,000 in year-end total assets.

This is a limited exemption and you are still required to implement and maintain a Written Information Cybersecurity Policy (WISP) for the protection of nonpublic personal information. *Click here* to download a sample WISP that you can customize to fit your practice.

A title insurance agent must certify compliance with the cybersecurity policy annually to the New York Department of Financial Services. This certification is required to be filed electronically by April 15 for the preceding year. <u>*Click here*</u> for a link to the instructions for completing this certification.

If you need any help in creating a Written Information Cybersecurity Policy or filing the certification with the Department of Financial Services, please contact Steve Maggiola @ <u>SMaggiola@CaticTitle.com</u> or call our Tarrytown office at 914-418-9847.