



APPLICANT:

Ward _____ (Last Name)
Lori _____ (First Name)
First _____ (Judicial Circuit)

**REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE & TRUST LAW SECTION
APPLICATION FOR RE-NOMINATION AS AN AT LARGE MEMBER("ALM")
FOR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: December 12, 2025
PLEASE E-MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: almsdirector2025@gmail.com**

Law Firm or
Employer: Alliant National Title Insurance Company

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The ALM responsibilities of the At Large Members are set forth in the By-Laws of the RPPTL Section and the ALM Problem Study subcommittee Report approved by the Executive Council. These responsibilities are listed below. After each one, please explain what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities.

1. **Responsibility**: An ALM is required to attend the minimum number of Executive Council Meetings required by the Section's By-Laws to maintain that person's position on the Council.

I attended or plan to attend the following **RPPTL Executive Council meetings (not At Large Member meetings)** [check ONLY those which you attended or plan to attend]:

- ☒ The Breakers, Palm Beach (August 2025)
- ☒ Executive Council Meeting, Four Seasons, Orlando - December 3-7, 2025
- ☒ Executive Council Meeting, Sunseeker Resort, Charlotte Harbor - January 28-31, 2026
- ☒ Executive Council Meeting and Convention – Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, Ponte Vedra - May 27-30, 2026

Please indicate whether if elected as an ALM you will be able to commit to attending ALM meetings and Executive Council Meetings (there are generally 4 in-state meetings and 1 out of state meeting a year). Attendance in person at 2 in-state meetings is expected each year.

☒ I am **able** to commit to attending meetings

☐ I am **not able** to commit to attending meetings

2. **Responsibility:** An ALM is required to be active in at least one Section Committee. Please list the Section Committee(s) you participate in and what you have contributed to each Committee:

Title Issues and Standards (participated in Style Guide creation in 2025); Title Insurance & Title Insurance Industry Liaison; RREILs (co-Legislative Liaison in 2025); RP Problems Study (Technology Liaison 25-26); Real Property Finance & Lending; Condominium

NOTE: I am also on the FR/Bar committee, which is a BOG appointment with recommendations from RPPTL

3. **Responsibility:** An ALM is encouraged to be active in his or her Circuit's local bar activities (especially those concerning any local real property, probate or trust law committees). Please explain how you have fulfilled this responsibility:

My local bars do not have real property committees, but I am an active member of both the Walton County Bar Association and Okaloosa Bar Association, maintaining personal relationships with leadership of those organizations.

4. **Responsibility:** An ALM is expected to be a communication conduit between the Section and the Section members in his or her Circuit. An ALM must attempt to communicate Section news and activities to the Section members in his or her Circuit on a regular basis (at least after each Executive Council meeting). It is preferred if such communications are coordinated with the other At Large Members in your Circuit. Please indicate how you have made efforts to communicate Section information to members at large.

Colleen Sachs is the lead ALM in my circuit and she does an excellent job at communicating Section information to local bar members on a quarterly basis.

5. **Responsibility:** An ALM is encouraged to contact new Section members in his or her Circuit, to let them know how they might get involved in the Section. Please explain how you have fulfilled this responsibility:

I'm not sure how I would know who are new Section members in my circuit. Is there a mechanism for this? I would be happy to make these kinds of connections if I was made aware of who the new members in my area are.

6. **Responsibility:** An ALM is expected to participate in ALMs' Committees and/or projects. Please indicate which ALM Committee and/or projects you have participated in as an ALM.

I have not yet engaged in any ALMs committees or projects, but I have begun communication with Legal Services of North Florida around trying to assist them with some Heirs Project work they are doing in our circuit.

7. Please indicate if you are the Lead ALM for your circuit. If you are not the lead ALM please indicate if you would be willing to serve as Lead ALM:

I am ☐ am not ☒ the Lead ALM. (If a Lead ALM, please provide your action plan with this application.) Lead ALM Action Plan attached ☐

I am ☐ am not ☒ be willing to serve as Lead ALM.

8. Other:

- a. Please list other ways in which you have been a productive ALM which are not discussed
- My work on legislative matters and with the FR/Bar committee keeps me very involved and connected with both members of the Section and Section leadership. I have volunteered to assist Division Chair Mezer with a task force in the balance of this Section year.
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- b. Please list at least two suggestions you have for ALM projects or ways to improve our communications to section members at large (if you have additional suggestions, please attach additional page):

- 1) I recall a time, before I was active in the Section, when periodic emails were sent to a broad spectrum of bar members in the circuit with updates and information about happenings in the Section. I don't recall seeing those messages of late and I think they are very helpful, especially in my remote area, at keeping members engaged with Section activities.
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Signature of At Large Member

Date: 11/26/2025

Lori Ellen Ward

Print Name