

Examining Counsel Program



Putting Lawyers First

Throughout our Canadian history, our unwavering philosophy has always been that the role of a title insurer in Canada should be to underwrite risk, allowing lawyers to provide legal advice and prepare documents.

Stewart Title does not support programs that reduce or eliminate the lawyer's role in real estate transactions. Instead, we develop programs designed to help lawyers maintain their role at the forefront of the real estate transaction.

One such program is our exclusive Examining Counsel (EC) Program. By becoming an EC member, lawyers benefit from being able to offer clients the comprehensive protection of our title insurance policies at a highly competitive premium and from the efficiencies offered through Stewart's online ordering applications.

EC members do not underwrite the transaction, Stewart Title Guaranty Company does. Stewart Title waives its rights of subrogation against lawyers who order the policy in all cases except in those that involve an intentional/fraudulent act/omission or gross negligence.

EC members are not obligated to use Stewart Title exclusively and compliance with relevant Law Society rules is encouraged.

The program is available for residential properties of up to six units. Commercial policy orders are also available through other programs at Stewart Title.

Technology Makes a Difference

EC members can easily order title insurance policies through the stand-alone or integrated versions of our online ordering applications. Either choice provides access to Stewart Title's technical support and comes with a training demonstration.

Our online ordering applications are designed to automate and simplify the process of ordering title insurance by guiding the user through the steps required to complete an order from start to finish. This results in reduced processing time and fewer data entry errors. Users can save an order and return to it at a later date, revise an order and receive alerts when required information is missing. The order is underwritten electronically and lawyers and their support staff can print policy documents with ease.

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