

## University of Ottawa student wins 2009 TitlePLUS® Essay Prize

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June 30, 2009 (Toronto): Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO®) is pleased to announce that Geneviève Langlais of the University of Ottawa is the winner of this year's TitlePLUS Essay Prize.

Langlais' timely essay, entitled *La fraude hypothécaire, un domaine de droit turbulent (Mortgage fraud, a turbulent area of law)*, explores the different types of fraud being perpetrated and how they take shape. The winning entry also details the consequences of mortgage fraud by citing relevant case law and lists the necessary steps to prevent it.

Langlais was awarded her prize on June 25, 2009 at the Gala Evening of the Ontario Bar Association Real Property Section in Toronto. The award – including the cash prize of \$3,000 – was presented by Kathleen A. Waters, President & CEO of LAWPRO and Raymond G. Leclair, Vice-President, TitlePLUS.

“Unfortunately, fraud continues to be a relevant subject in our industry,” said Waters. “Geneviève’s essay did a good job of summarizing the threat and the need for awareness.”

Earning her law degree this year in the French common law program from the University of Ottawa, Langlais is currently writing the bar admission exams and will be articling with Borden, Ladner, Gervais LLP in Ottawa.

LAWPRO created the TitlePLUS Essay Prize to encourage and recognize outstanding legal scholarship in the practice of real estate law. Students from law schools across Canada (excluding Québec) were invited to enter the essay contest.

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