

## Osgoode Student wins Inaugural TitlePLUS<sup>®</sup> Essay Prize

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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May 17, 2007 (Toronto): Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO<sup>®</sup>) is pleased to announce that Robin Senzilet, a student at Osgoode Hall Law School, is the first-ever winner of the TitlePLUS Essay Prize.

In her essay, "Mitigating Error in the Practice of Real Estate Law," Senzilet looks at the history of malpractice in real estate law, analyzes the reasons for this malpractice and explores options to help lawyers prevent these errors in the future. She draws on the theories of British psychologist James Reason as the framework for a discussion of the possible explanations for the high incidence of LAWPRO claims on the part of real estate lawyers.

Senzilet received the award on May 6 at the TitlePLUS 10th anniversary conference in Niagara Falls. The award, including the cash prize of \$3,000, was presented by Michelle Strom, President & CEO of LAWPRO and Stephen Freedman, legal counsel for TitlePLUS. "I feel very honoured that my essay was chosen," said Senzilet. A second year student at Osgoode Hall, Senzilet holds a BA Honours in Humanities from York University. She is a Senior Editor of the Osgoode Hall Law Journal and will be articling at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice next year.

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 Quebec) were invited to enter the essay contest.

### **About LAWPRO and TitlePLUS Insurance**

TitlePLUS title insurance is provided by the Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LAWPRO), an insurance company that is licensed to provide title insurance and professional liability insurance in most jurisdictions in Canada. LAWPRO has earned an A (Excellent) financial strength rating by A.M. Best Co., a leading rating agency, for the last seven consecutive years.

TitlePLUS title insurance is the only all-Canadian title insurance product on the market today. It offers home buyers insurance coverage for both title-related aspects of a transaction and the legal services provided by a lawyer. It also protects buyers and lenders under the same policy (and for the same premium) for title-related problems that could affect ownership or the marketability of the property in the future, and legal services provided by the lawyer closing the purchase. The TitlePLUS OwnerEXPRESS<sup>®</sup> program offers current home owners protection against title-related risks and fraud.

For the complete winning essay "Mitigating Error in the Practice of Real Estate Law," please go to <http://www.titleplus.ca/lawyers/pdf/EssayContest2007-Robin.pdf>

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Second year Osgoode student Robin Sensilet (centre) was presented with the TitlePLUS Essay Prize award and a cheque for \$3,000 by Stephen Freedman, legal counsel, TitlePLUS (left) and Michelle Strom, president and CEO of LAWPRO (right).