



## **Ling joins AmTrust Title as business development and underwriting counsel**

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New York, NY According to AmTrust Title Insurance Co.'s New York Agency Division, Margaret Ling, Esq. has joined as business development and underwriting counsel. Ling's focus will be on the continued support, development and growth of the New York State Agency Division.

Prior to joining AmTrust, Ling held the role of senior counsel at Big Apple Abstract Corp. She also previously served as senior underwriting counsel at MacGregor Abstract Corp, New York Title Services and First Nationwide Title Agency, LLC.

According to Jason Gordon, president of AmTrust Title, "Margaret is a tremendous asset to our agency base. She organizes and presents many vibrant continuing legal education and networking events on the latest important topics in real estate and she continues to be involved and engaged with the New York bar associations and real estate community."

In her more than 25 years in the industry, Ling has also worked at companies including First American Title National Commercial Services, Fidelity National Title Group and Stewart Title Insurance Co. She began her career as an attorney in private practice specializing in residential and commercial real estate law and business and corporate transactions.

James Thanasules, Esq., manager of AmTrust Title's New York Agency Division, said, "Margaret has a wealth of real estate knowledge with over 25 years of experience in the title insurance industry, both working for title insurance underwriters and title agents. She understands the needs of title agents and how to best service them."

Ling currently serves as the Development Director and Co-Chairperson of the Real Estate Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York; Board of Director and co-chairperson of the Asian Practice Committee at the New York County Lawyers Association; member of the Executive Council of the New York State Network of Bar Leaders; Board of Director of the Asian Real Estate Professional Association; Board of Director of the Brooklyn Real Estate Board; Board of Director of the Queens Chamber of Commerce Foundation; chairperson of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Queens County Bar Association; member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the New York State Bar Association; and member of the National Diversity Council.

Ling received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History, Cum Laude from Barnard College-Columbia

University and her Juris Doctor degree from New York Law School. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York.

Additionally, AmTrust revealed that Mike Watson, has joined the firm as Texas agency manager. In this new role, Watson will be responsible for the servicing and growth of AmTrust's Texas agency partner network.

Gordon said, "Mike has been deeply embedded in the title insurance industry for 30 years, including many years in Agency Services management. We are thrilled that he has joined AmTrust to bolster our team and help further build our capabilities in Texas and Louisiana."

Watson earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

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