



LTAA 2026 Annual Convention

Speaker Bios

Howard Turk

Howard is the Founder and Managing Director of Turk & Co., a national M&A and capital advisory firm focused on the title and settlement services industry. The firm advises title agencies and underwriters on mergers and acquisitions, capital formation, margin improvement, and strategic growth, and serves as the lead advisor driving transactions from initial positioning through closing. Turk & Co. has advised on more title agency transactions than any other investment bank in the US.

With more than thirty years of experience across domestic and international markets, Howard has operated at every level of the title industry. He has built and led a national title agency, owned a high-volume real estate conveyancing law firm, and held senior executive roles with First American Title across Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia, including Head Underwriter in the US and Head of Product Development -International.

A FINRA-registered investment banker, real estate attorney, and best-selling author, Howard advises owners on the decisions that define outcomes: when to sell, how to position the business, what it is worth, and how to maximize value through a disciplined, highly orchestrated process.

Genady Vishnevetsky

Genady serves as CISO for Stewart Information Services Corporation, a leading provider of real estate services. An established leader with experience in building successful security programs and developing defenses against emerging threats, Vishnevetsky oversees the security, governance, and compliance programs for the global enterprise. Before Stewart, he spent fifteen years in the financial services industry, leading security programs for two major payment processors. He is an active, contributing member of the cybersecurity community, a frequent speaker at security events and conferences, a security advocate, a blogger, and an influencer.

Genady holds industry-leading cybersecurity and risk management certifications – Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), and Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISK).

Scott Malm

Scott concentrates his practice on litigation and dispute resolution for businesses and individuals. He primarily advises and represents title insurance companies and their insureds, escrow agents, lenders, developers, brokers, contractors, and similar clients in trial and appellate courts at the state and federal level.

Scott is recognized in Real Estate Law by Best Lawyers in America®, is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, representing the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards, and has been recognized in the Southwest Super Lawyers® list for Real Estate Law.

Scott has handled numerous mediations as a Judge Pro Tem for Maricopa County Superior Courts. He is also available as a mediator and arbitrator for real estate, title, escrow, and business disputes.

Kevin Walling

I have obtained an Associate's Degree (A.A.) from Portland Community College, a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.) from the University of Oregon, a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Willamette University and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Webster University. I have worked in the field of law and governance during my professional career. For instance, I have worked as a mediator, arbitrator, lobbyist

and Administrative Law Judge. I have learned the importance of clear and concise communication and the importance of providing clarity. In my spare time I enjoy the responsibilities of raising my twin daughters, Jacqueline and Lindsey. When I have the opportunity, I enjoy reading and outdoor activities such as hiking and camping. I have travel in through portions of the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe. I have resided primarily in the Pacific Northwest and Arizona. I enjoy assisting students in learning information that will assist them in their professional careers as well as in their personal lives. It is fulfilling to see the students grow and take on new challenges. It is a joy to share information that I find interesting and compelling.

Makayla Rosscup, GCU Student

I am a government major with an emphasis in Legal Studies at Grand Canyon University and currently work as a legal assistant at Rake Law Group. I am passionate about the legal profession, leadership, and serving my community, and I plan to attend law school after graduation to pursue a career as an attorney. I look forward to sharing my perspective while learning from the experienced professionals in attendance.

Michele Van Quathem, Esq.

Michele has more than 30 years of experience as an attorney. Michele practices in the water, energy, mining, natural resources, real estate, and environmental law areas. She regularly assists businesses, property owners, and districts evaluate, buy, sell, permit, protect, treat, discharge, and store water and wastewater, and manage other natural resources.

Michele has worked on matters in the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Water Quality Appeals Board, the Arizona Corporation Commission, the Arizona State Land Department, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service, the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and various other state and federal agencies.

Lauren King

Lauren has more than a decade of government relations experience at the state and local levels. Recognized by the Arizona Capitol Times as one of the top lobbyists in the state under the age of 40, Lauren represents client interests before the Arizona State Legislature, the Office of the Governor, state agencies and various municipalities. She is also a recipient of the Arizona Capitol Times “Breakout” award, which recognizes the sharpest political and industry minds in Arizona who routinely take on complex subjects and tackle the most challenging issues. Lauren’s specialty practice areas include policy issues in the healthcare, real estate and tech sectors

Chadwick Campbell

Chadwick is Arizona Counsel & Director of Business Development for Kensington Vanguard National Title. He is responsible for business development and underwriting support in Arizona and nationally. As a lawyer, advisor, technology leader, and military officer, his career focus has been complex issue management. Chad served four years in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft maintenance officer, which included combat duty with a squadron of F-15E fighter jets. After law school, he practiced in Arizona as a civil litigation attorney. In London and Chicago, he ran the EMEA and development operations for a financial-industry software firm. He returned to Phoenix in 2015, and as a Director for a boutique insurance advisory firm, assisted individual and corporate clients with private placement investments and sophisticated insurance strategies. Since joining the title industry in 2018, he has gained broad experience beyond business development, as a commercial title underwriting counsel, escrow officer, and trust officer.

Craig Haskins, ALTA President-Elect

Craig’s initial areas of expertise focused on title insurance and complicated closings but now he spends most of his time growing and managing Knight Barry Title’s offices in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Florida and Texas. In his 25+ years in the title business, he has served as the President of the Wisconsin Land Title Association and is a current member of the ALTA Board of Governors. Craig received his Bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida (Go Gators). Then he went on to earn an MBA from

Marquette University in Milwaukee. He spends all summer mowing straight lines in his lawn at least twice per week.

Katrina Lopez, MBA

Katrina serves as the Team Relations Assistant Manager for Pioneer Title Agency and Yavapai Title Agency. With six years of experience in the industry, she is dedicated to strengthening organizational culture, supporting employee engagement initiatives, and fostering meaningful workplace relationships.

Katrina earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from New Mexico State University and a Master of Business Administration from Park University. A New Mexico native, she has called Arizona home since 2019.

Katrina enjoys helping attract, develop, and retain talented individuals while creating positive employee experiences. Her passion for people and organizational development drives her work in supporting employees and teams across the organization. Through collaboration and a commitment to continuous growth, Katrina strives to create positive experiences that support both individual and organizational success.

Tiffannie Hobgood

Tiffannie brings over 30 years of experience in the title and escrow industry to this conversation. She currently serves as Director of Escrow Support and Qualia Enterprise Administrator at Shaddock National Holdings, where she supports escrow operations across a family of title brands and leads enterprise technology rollouts. Before that, she spent years as VP of Escrow Operations at local Arizona title agencies.

Tiffannie has led the Arizona State Escrow Association and the American Escrow Association as Past President of both, and she continues to stay actively involved with both associations. An Arizona native, she's spent her career building the kind of relationships and expertise that make title work feel less like paperwork and more like a partnership.

Known for a heart-led approach to leadership, Tiffannie mentors and coaches professionals throughout the industry. She speaks on fraud trends and prevention and participates in industry panel discussions, bringing that same expertise to today's conversation.

Tina Tamboer

Tina moved to Phoenix after graduating from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Finance in 1993. She started her career as a residential data analyst for 7 years and then transferred into sales within the title industry for another 10 years. After the real estate crash, Tina returned to her analyst background and joined the Cromford Report in 2011 with Michael Orr to closely track the undercurrents of the residential housing market.

Currently Tina is responsible for Cromford Report operations in the Greater Phoenix area. She has been featured regularly on KTAR 92.3FM, KJZZ 91.5FM, Arizona Horizon (PBS Channel 8), ABC15, Fox10 Phoenix, CBS New York, the Arizona Republic and Phoenix Business Journal. She holds and has held board positions for the Asian Real Estate Association of America, the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals and the ASU School of Technology Entrepreneurship and Management.

We thank them for their time and expertise!