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Application Re:

Cause No. 93-077

Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. and Nevada Escrow Services, Inc.

ORDER UPON COMPLETION OF HEARING

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On September 1, 1994 a hearing was conducted by Teresa P. Froncek Rankin, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Nevada, in the above-captioned matter. The time, date, and place of the hearing were duly noticed as required by law. The Commissioner of Insurance acted as the hearing officer. The Department of Insurance of the State of Nevada appeared and was represented by James C. Smith, Deputy Attorney General. The Applicant, Land Title of Nevada, Inc., appeared and was represented by Steven J. Duesing, Esq., of the firm Shinehouse & Duesing. Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. appeared and was represented by Gary R. Goodheart of the firm Jones, Jones, Close & Brown. Also present at the hearing were James Ward, President of Land Title of Nevada, Inc., and Edward R. Beierle, Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel of Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc.

By agreement of the parties, the following exhibits were entered into evidence:

Exhibit 1

The Division of Insurance's License Master for Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc.;

Exhibit 2

Supporting Affidavit of James Ward dated August 31, 1994; and

Exhibit 3

Letter dated August 31, 1994 from Gary R. Goodheart to Steven J. Duesing.

CERTIFICATE

THE DOCUMENT ON WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS STAMPED IS A FULL, TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL

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The Commissioner heard the comments and arguments of counsel, and the testimony of Mr. Beierle.

Based upon the entire record in this proceeding, the comments and arguments of counsel, and the exhibits and testimony presented at the hearing, the Commissioner makes the following findings of fact and order.

## FINDINGS OF PACT

- 1. Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. was a Nevada corporation licensed by the Division of Insurance as a title agent. The corporate charter of Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. has been revoked for in excess of five (5) years, and may not be reinstated.
- 2. Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. was a Nevada corporation which operated an escrow business in connection with the title insurance business of Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. The corporate charter of Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. has been revoked for in excess of five (5) years, and may not be reinstated.
- 3. Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. is the named trustee on an indeterminate number of deeds of trust which are of record in Clark, Lincoln and Nye counties, Nevada, and possibly in other counties as well.
- 4. Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. is the designated beneficiary under approximately 111 real estate holding trusts or real estate holding agreements.
- 5. Because Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. no longer exists, it can not issue reconveyances pursuant to those deeds of trust under which it is designated as trustee. The Commissioner specifically finds that there are instances in which the beneficiaries of such deeds of trust can not be located for the purpose of effectuating a

substitution of trustee.

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- 6. Because Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. no longer exists, it can not convey title to the real property which is the subject of the real estate holding trusts or real estate holding agreements under which it is designated trustee.
- 7. Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. has agreed to act as the successor trustee to Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. with respect to saeds of trust designating Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. as trustee. Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. has also agreed to act as successor trustee to Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. with respect to those real estate holding trusts or real estate holding agreements which designate Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. as trustee.
- 8. The Commissioner specifically finds that Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. possesses the expertise and experience necessary to act as successor trustee to Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. and Nevada Escrow Services, Inc., and that Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. is fully capable of doing so, and that Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. is the appropriate party to succeed Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. and Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. in the capacity of trustee under the deeds of trust and real estate holding trusts or real estate holding agreements referenced herein.

ORDER

BASED UPON the foregoing findings, the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Nevada hereby orders that:

1. Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. is appointed successor trustee to Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. and Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. with respect to all deeds of trust which designate Lawyers Title of Las Vegas, Inc. or Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. as

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trustee, and which have not been reconveyed prior to the date of this Order.

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- 2. Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. is appointed successon trustee to Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. and Lawyers Title of Lawyers, Inc. with respect to any real estate holding trusts or real estate holding agreements which designate Nevada Escrow Services, Inc. or Lawyers Title of Lawyers, Inc. as trustee, and which are currently in the possession of Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc.
- 3. Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. shall, from and after the date of this Order, have full power and authority to act as trustee with respect to all deads of trusts described in paragraph 1 of this Order.
- 4. Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. shall, from and after the date of this Order, have full power and authority to act as trustee with respect to the real estate holding trusts and real estate holding agreements described in paragraph 2 of this Order.
- 5. Pursuant to NRS 679B.140, copies of this Order shall be mailed by certified mail to the Nevada Land Title Association, to all licensed title agencies operating in the state of Nevada, and to all licensed title insurers operating in the state of Nevada.
- 6. After the expiration of any applicable time for appeal or a petition for judicial review of this Order, this Order shall be recorded in the counties of Clark, Lincoln, and Nye, Nevada.
- 7. Lawyers Title of Nevada, Inc. shall either refer to this Order, including the recording information, in any deed conveying title to property held in trust pursuant to a real estate holding trust or real estate holding agreement, or shall attach a recorder-stamped copy of this Order to such deed.

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	Commissioner of Insurance and
7	Hearing Officer
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I, LAUREL M. JOHNSON, hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Order Upon Completion of Hearing, in Cause No. 93.077, by mailing a copy 5 thereof, properly addressed, postage prepaid to the following: Gary R. Goodheart, Esq. Jones, Jones, Close & Brown, Chtd. 300 South Fourth Street, Suite 700 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Steven J. Duesing Shinehouse & Duesing 10 First Interstate Bank Building, Third Floor 300 East Carson Avenue 11 Las Vegas, NV 89101-5905 12 Jim Ward 13 Land Title of Nevada, Inc. 720 South 7th Street 14 Las Vegas, NV 89101 15 Edward R. Beierie, Esq. 16 Vice President and Pacific States Counsel Lawyers Title Insurance Corp. 17 55 South Lake Avenue, Suite 600 Pasadena, CA 91101 18 19 James C. Smith Deputy Attorney General 20 Attorney General's Office Insurance Division 21 198 S. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89710 22 23 DATED this 16 day of November, 1994. 102203 24 LID AND RECORDED AT REQUEST OF LAUREL M. JOHNSON 25 ONES. JONES CLOSE & BROWN Employee of the State of Nevada ANUARY 5, 1995 26 Division of Insurance 20 MINUIES FAST 3 O'CL VE 27 P. J. IN BOOK 112 OF OFFICER CORDS PAGE \_\_\_ 74 28 WINTY, NEVADA. acc: 112 pace 79 Boniches , DEPUTY