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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lycoming Law Association

FROM: Fred A. Holland, Esquire

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RE: Real Estate Committee

The Committee had one of its busiest years. Our main project was to update the Title Search Customs, which had not been updated for approximately a decade. Minor revisions were suggested to the Customs and Rules Committee and to the Executive Committee. The revision was adopted effective July 14, 2008, and the revised Title Search Customs are posted on the Association's internet site.

At our meetings this past year we also discussed the following topics of interest to real estate practitioners in the county:

- Recent revisions to Realty Transfer Tax Regulations
- The proper method to prorate school taxes subject to Homestead exemption
- Gas leases
- Photocopy charges and procedures in the Recorder's office
- Municipal regulation of sewer connections and sidewalks

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Holland