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## MEMO

TO: Lycoming Law Association

FROM: Fred A. Holland

DATE: December 23, 2014

RE: Real Estate Committee

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This is my report for the Real Estate Committee for the year of 2014. The committee continued to meet and discuss issues of interest relating to the real estate practice generally.

We drafted and published a public notice that advised members of the public not to respond to documents that are routinely sent to all purchasers of real estate. The notice is a "Deed Processing Notice," and is a solicitation by a South Dakota company to provide property owners of a copy of their Deed and certain other information for a fee of \$83.00. We thought the public should be advised not to fall for this pitch.

We are also discussing concerns regarding the new computer system in the Prothonotary's office. These concerns include the fact that the computer system includes no judgment index. Also, searches for certain names are particularly difficult, and do not yield results at all in some cases, and inaccurate results in others. Members of the committee are in the process of addressing these issues with Suzanne Fidele and will continue to monitor the situation in hope that improvements can be made in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Holland