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## U of I College of Law gets money from Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. 018

The University of Illinois (U of I) College of Law at Urbana-Champaign is one of the four not-for-profit legal organizations sharing in a gift of \$40,000 from Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (ATG). The U of I College of Law has received \$15,000 as part of ATG's 40th anniversary celebration in 2004. Other recipients are the Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association, headquartered in Arlington Heights; the Harold J. Levine Center for Housing, in Chicago; and the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association at the University of Wisconsin Law School, in Madison, WI.

In making the announcement, Old Town resident Peter J. Birnbaum, ATG President and CEO, said, "We wanted to demonstrate our gratitude to the legal community. The years of support from so many individuals and groups have contributed to our growth and success. The recipients are organizations whose missions are aligned with ours."

The U of I College of Law consistently ranks among the top law schools in the country and among the top 10 public law schools. The college has specialized expertise in the areas of business and commercial law, employment law, environmental law, intellectual property law, international and comparative law, public interest law and taxation law. Its mission is to train well-rounded, critical and socially-conscious individuals to become outstanding lawyers. Many of the ATG legal staff and board of directors are University of Illinois College of Law graduates, as are hundreds of ATG member-shareholders.

Early in 2004, ATG issued its two-millionth title insurance policy, thereby doubling the number of policies sold since the sale of its one-millionth policy in 1994. The company had a banner year in 2003, closing more than 50,000 residential real estate transactions.