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Enjoy the remainder of the summer! We will continue to provide updates and awareness of legal issues through this newsletter. In this month's issue we will discuss the issue of maintenance and how it relates to the Jayne/Girardi divorce and what title companies do.

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Jayne and Girardi Divorce

The divorce of Erika Jayne and Tom Girardi was highly publicized and scrutinized. Erika filed for divorce in November of 2020. This filing occurred after twenty years of marriage, but suspiciously right before high-profile embezzlement claims were made against Tom. Erika filing for divorce has been criticized by many as an attempt to protect some of the couples' extensive assets. It has been reported that Tom invested 20 million dollars in his wife's businesses. In addition to that investment, Erika drives



very expensive cars, and enjoyed unfettered access to luxury fashion and accessories.

In Illinois maintenance is not a right, or an entitlement. It is meant as a remedy for the court to utilize when a spouse has inequity in earning potential, assets, and an inability to support themselves. Here, Erika was dependent on Tom for the majority of their marriage. In the more recent [\(Read more\)](#)

What Does a Title Company Do?



If you have ever been a party to a real estate transaction, you have likely encountered a title company. You may have seen signs for title companies while driving down the street. Have you ever wondered to yourself, “What does a title company actually do?” In this article I will explain what a title company does and why they are important to real estate transactions. A title company ensures that the property in a real estate transaction has a clear title and can be properly sold. Real property is different than most personal property in that you do not have to occupy or possess it to be the actual owner. You do not even have to be owner to have a claim to the property. Real property is what many people pledge as security to get a mortgage, home equity loan, or other another large debt. A title company performs a search to find out who owns the property or has a claim to it, how they acquired it, whether there are any liens or debts attached to the property, and whether there are any easements or other conditions on the property.

One of the things a title company does is search all the records of the County Recorder of Deeds to find [\(Read more\)](#)

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