The primary purpose of Standards of Title Examination is to promote uniformity of practice pertaining to marketability of titles. The only sanction for the Standards is the attitude of the Bar as a whole; their effectiveness depends upon a general observance. Enforcement through legislative action is believed not to be proper; the inflexibility resulting from incorporation in statutes is thought to be inadvisable. We are convinced that these Standards may be confidently relied upon until amendment is required by subsequent statute or judicial decision. An attorney can be justified as reasonably prudent when following the course approved by this Association.

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The 1952 statement is as relevant today as it was then. As a living document, the Ohio Standards of Title Examination will continue to be reviewed and updated through the efforts of the Title Standards Committee and the OSBA Real Property Law Section Council. The Title Standards Committee relies on input from its members, other members of the OSBA, and the title insurance community. Users of these Standards of Title Examination are encouraged to submit proposals for modifications to the Ohio Title Standards to the Title Standards Committee.

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