

Amendment and Restatement of Legal Opinion Report

We are pleased to report that on March 17, 2009, the Executive Committee of the Real Property Law Section approved the Amended and Restated Report on Legal Opinions to Third Parties in Georgia Real Estate Secured Transactions (the "Amended Report"). The Amended Report was the product of an intensive year long analysis and reconsideration of the existing Legal Opinion Report by a Legal Opinion Committee chaired by Jim Jordan and Lisa Roberts.

The Amended Report, like the existing report, includes a Model Opinion, Interpretive Standards used to interpret the Model Opinion, practice procedures consisting of suggested due diligence to be performed in rendering the various opinions and a detailed report summarizing the deliberations and decisionmaking of the Legal Opinion Report.

The Amended Report is now available for use in real estate transactions secured by Georgia real property. A copy of the report, together with a blackline draft showing changes between the Amended Report and the prior report, can be downloaded from the RPLS website.

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