

“Through the looking-glass and what  
[all of us Real Property Lawyers] found there”<sup>1</sup>

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a 40-year retrospective of the Real Property Section

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<sup>1</sup> With apologies to Lewis Carroll, Through the Looking-Glass and what Alice found there.

*“When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean –  
neither more, nor less.”<sup>2</sup>*

Year/Issue/Chair	Headline/featured articles
2/1/80 #1 D.G. Martin	“Grants made for Record Modernization”
6/15/80 #2 D.G. Martin	Historic Preservation Legislation
10/22/80 #3 Charles Melvin	Controlled Business Rule
March 1981 Vol. 2, No. 1 Charles Melvin	Thoughts on the Continuing Role of Attorneys in Residential Real Estate Transactions
May 1981 Vol. 2, No. 2 Charles Melvin	Annual meeting highlights include news of investigation regarding kickbacks
January 1982 Vol. 3, No. 1 James Lee Davis	A Guide to ARMs
June 1982 Vol. 3, No. 2 James Lee Davis	Malpractice: Do you carry malpractice insurance? Who is your carrier? Have you read your policy?
December 1982 Vol. 4, No. 1 Jay DeVaney	Changes in Purchase and Contract Forms
April 1983 Vol. 4, No. 2 Jay DeVaney	Tomorrow is Today in Orange County (PIN system)
November 1983 Vol. 4, No. 3 Alfred Adams	Haywood County Land Records Management
January 1984 Vol. 4, No. 4 Alfred Adams	Foolproof your Bearings and Distances
April 1984 Vol. 5, No. 1 Alfred Adams	Use of Computers in Real Property Closings

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July 1984 Vol. 5, No. 2 Alfred Adams	Bankruptcy Sales (11 USC Section 363)
October 1984 Vol. 5, No. 3 Woody Harrison	Computer Prepared Closing Statements and Closing Documents
February 1985 Vol. 6, No. 1 Woody Harrison	The New Condominium Statute
July 1985 Vol. 6, No. 2 Garrett Walker	Who Represents the Buyer at Closing?
October 1985 Vol. 6, No. 3 Garrett Walker	Mortgage Banking and the Closing Attorney
February 1986 Vol. 7, No. 1 Garrett Walker	Closing Instructions and Governmental Agency Guidelines
June 1986 Vol. 7, No. 2 Garrett Walker	Title Insurance and Insured Closings
September 1986 Vol. 7, No. 3 Clark Brewer	Closing from an Attorney's Perspective
January 1987 Vol. 8, No. 1 Clark Brewer	Help for the Unhappy Homeowner: the Implied Warranty and Alternative Remedies
March 1987 Vol. 8, No. 2 Clark Brewer	Minimizing Environmental Liabilities in Real Estate Transactions
May 1987 Vol. 8, No. [3] Clark Brewer	Breakthrough: Landlocked Owners in North Carolina
July 1987 Vol. 8, No. 4 Leon Killian	Collecting "Prepayment" Penalty after Accelerating Loan
October 1987 Vol. 9, No. 1 Leon Killian	Conflict of Interest in the Practice of Commercial Real Estate
February 1988 Vol. 9, No. 2 Leon Killian	Conflict of Interest for the Real Estate Practitioner/Investor
May 1988 Vol. 9, No. 3 Leon Killian	Handling Client Funds

July 1988 Vol. 9, No. 4 William Cherry	Opinion Letters in Commercial Real Estate Transactions
November 1988 Vol. 10, No. 1 William Cherry	Consideration of Environmental Problems in Real Estate Transactions
March 1989 Vol. 10, No. 2 William Cherry	Agricultural Credit Act of 1987: The Right of First Refusal to Repurchase or Lease
June 1989 Vol. 10, No. 3 William Cherry	Deferred Like-Kind Exchanges: Beware the Dual Dangers of Documentation and Security
November 1989 Vol. 11, No. 1 Tyler Warren	Examining and Drafting Real Property Descriptions
May 1990 Vol. 11, No. 2 Tyler Warren	Trespassers on Rural Lands
July 1990 Vol. 11, No. 3 Tyler Warren	Receiverships and Distressed Realty in North Carolina
October 1990 Vol. 12, No. 1 Daniel Khoury	Review of Foreclosure by Power of Sale
January 1991 Vol. 12, No. 2 Daniel Khoury	Traps for the Unwary in Interstate Land Sales Exemptions
May 1991 Vol. 12, No. 3 Daniel Khoury	The Torrens System in North Carolina
June/July 1991 Vol. 12, No. 4 Daniel Khoury	Subcontractors Have Lien Rights on Real Property – Or Do They?
September 1991 Vol. 13, No. 1 Robert Brinkley	Conveyances of Real Property from the Resolution Trust Corporation
January 1992 Vol. 13, No. 2 Robert Brinkley	Amendments to NCGS §47-30: Map Law
May 1992 Vol. 13, No. 3 Robert Brinkley	Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act
August 1992 Vol. 13, No. 4 Robert Brinkley	A Title Insurer's Comments on the Notice of Settlement Act

November 1992 Vol. 14, No. 1 David Dorton	Investors Title: Looking Back, Looking Forward
February 1993 Vol. 14, No. 2 David Dorton	Purchase Money Financing in North Carolina: The Anti-Deficiency Statute
May 1993 Vol. 14, No. 3 David Dorton	New RESPA Rules
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January 1994 Vol. 15, No. 2 Brian Evans	Variety of Property Transactions may be subject to FIRPTA Rules
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June/July 1996 Vol. 17, No. 3 Franklin Martin	The Residential Property Disclosure Act
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March 2003 Vol. 24, No. 2 Adam Foodman	Consumer Protection Attorney: Real Property Section Final Report (1998-2002)(Anne Winner)
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September 2012 Vol. 34, No. 1 Bob Sheppard	Etiquette for Real Property ListManager
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