



News Flash

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HUD Withdraws RESPA Final Rule

HUD has changed course and is no longer seeking to issue a final rule at this time on massive RESPA changes (including the so-called "bundling of services" proposals).

This is due to opposition from a variety of groups.

Their action can be seen at the following link:

<http://www.hud.gov/news/resparule.cfm>.

It will be interesting to see if and when a new approach to RESPA reform occurs.

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming American Escrow Association Annual Education Conference to be held on June 17-19, 2004 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village in Kona, Hawaii. For complete details and a registration form, please visit the AEA website at www.a-e-a.org or link to it from the CEA website www.ceaescrow.org.

All regional associations should be electing their delegates and alternates to attend the AEA Conference, so please be sure to get involved and attend this conference.

News From CEA Headquarters

- ◆ Professional Designation renewal sticker letters will be mailed directly from headquarters to all P.D. holders within the next two weeks.
- ◆ All 2004 members will receive a new membership card that will contain a barcode. This card should be retained and brought to conference and used for scanning in and out of each conference event. The barcode will be used for tracking professional designation credits and session attendance. There will no longer be any paper 501c forms used for conference – we will be completely paperless! Watch for your membership card to arrive by the end of April and don't lose it as replacement cards will be issued for a \$15.00 fee.
- ◆ Mark your calendar now for the CEA 49th Annual Education Conference to be held on October 14-17, 2004 in Long Beach.
- ◆ Check out the CEA website – www.ceaescrow.org for current regional educational events, the new "Web Mall" and lots of other informative items that are now available at your fingertips! Make the CEA homepage your homepage.