



## News Release

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### **Simplifile, LC, the Racine County Register of Deeds, and Landmark Title of Racine, Inc. Announce First-Ever Electronically Recorded Deed in Racine County**

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Working together to effectuate the electronic filing and recording of land record documents such as deeds and mortgages in the state of Wisconsin, Simplifile, Racine County Register of Deeds and Landmark Title of Racine, Inc. announced that the inaugural electronic recording (eRecording) of a deed in Racine County, Wisconsin occurred on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The historic transaction marked the first time a deed has been electronically transmitted to and recorded by the register of deeds office within the County.

eRecording is the process of submitting, receiving, and processing, via a secure Internet site, documents for recording that have traditionally been delivered to the county for recording by runner, express mail, or courier service. eRecording offers recorders the ability to simplify and accelerate all aspects of the recording process, dramatically shortening the Gap and improving auditability.

Register of Deeds Jim Ladwig remarked, "Electronic recording of documents is increasing in popularity. The acceptance of deeds and mortgages will just continue to increase. Electronic recording of these types of documents will benefit all parties involved and will assist in my continuing efforts to increase the efficiency of the Register of Deeds office in Racine County."

And according to Eric Peterson, Landmark Title of Racine, Inc. Vice President, "Landmark Title of Racine, Inc. continues to be proactive in advances in technology within our industry. We are honored to be part of this historic event which will mold the future of real estate document recording in Racine County."

More than a mere trend in land record document submission, eRecording is a government priority. Federal (ESIGN) and state legislation (UETA, URPERA) have established the legal basis for secure electronic recording, and dozens of states and counties are already eRecording today.

"Simplifile is privileged to have partnered with both the Racine County Register of Deeds Office and Landmark Title of Racine to usher in the eRecording of deeds and many other property document types in Wisconsin," said Paul Clifford, President of Simplifile. "Jim Ladwig and his staff along with the management of Landmark Title of Racine are demonstrating leadership in the national effort to make the land record submission and recording process more efficient and secure through the use of technology. Based on our experience providing eRecording services through an ever-expanding nationwide eRecording network, companies such as Landmark Title that file documents with the Racine County Register of Deeds Office will enjoy significant productivity gains and enhanced filing and recording services by eRecording with Simplifile."

Individuals and organizations that do business with Simplifile, Racine County or Landmark Title of Racine can contact the county or companies directly for information on how they can benefit from Simplifile eRecording services.

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#### About Simplifile



Simplifile provides innovative, simple, and secure electronic recording services via the Internet for a wide variety of customers, including title companies, banks, attorneys, lien filers, and county and state government jurisdictions. Our eRecording services accelerate document recording and simplify document workflow processes, significantly reducing costly overhead associated with traditional submission and recordation methods while improving client service levels dramatically.

Simplifile is focused on building the industry's de facto eRecording network. As such, we provide a streamlined yet scalable approach to electronic recording tailored to counties and submitting customers of all shapes and sizes. For more information on how Simplifile can benefit you and your organization, visit [www.simplifile.com](http://www.simplifile.com) or call 800.460.5657.

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#### About Racine County



Racine County processes more than 50,000 documents each year by utilizing computer indexing and high-speed scanning equipment. On January 15, 2003 Racine County became just the 10<sup>th</sup> county in the nation at the time to begin accepting completely electronic documents. Jim Ladwig, Racine County Register of Deeds, was elected and sworn into office on January 3, 2005. For more information on the Racine County Register of Deeds Office, call 262.636.3208 or go to [www.racineco.com/registerofdeeds](http://www.racineco.com/registerofdeeds).

#### About Landmark Title of Racine, Inc.

Landmark Title of Racine, Inc. is a locally owned and operated title insurance company serving Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth Counties. Landmark Title of Racine, Inc. was founded in 1984 and specializes in title insurance, closing services, construction escrow and inspections, and tax deferred exchanges. For more information on Landmark Title of Racine, Inc., call 262.632.6262 or go to [www.landmarktitalracine.com](http://www.landmarktitalracine.com).