

**ESQUIRE AVET...** a newsletter for the Legal, Business and Title community.

**NON-HOLIDAY: EASTER**

EASTER approached but a state holiday does not. The Corporation Bureau, and as far as I know most of the other Executive Branch offices, will be open on Good Friday. Accordingly, if the state is open, so too are we (to the last I will grapple with thee oh Commonwealth).

**GOOD STANDINGS and RELATED MATTERS:**

Amazing as it sounds, good standing turn around times are back down to about 7 days (give or take). Hopefully, they will trim it even more. If you still need something on a rush basis, we still offer our affidavit of good standing status which should hold you over (if you are using it for a closing that is) until the official good standing is received.

Filing approvals are roughly the same time period. As always, certain filings can still be expedited but filings involving a new name cannot.

Certified copies are still being turned around in roughly a month (also give or take). We have no word on when that time delay will be trimmed, but I have heard rumblings that the Bureau will be working on that delay soon. We also offer an affidavit of all copies on record which most closing officers will accept until the official documents are received.

**WORD (PHRASE) OF THE DAY: DOTAL PROPERTY**

In the civil law, in Louisiana. Property which the wife brings to the husband to assist him in bearing the expenses of the marriage establishment. Extradotal property, otherwise called "paraphernal property" is that which forms no part of the dowry. *Fleitas v. Richardson*, 13 Sup.Ct. 495. (Black's Law Dictionary, Rev. 4th Ed. 1968).

**WORD OF THE DAY #2: ANTIDOTAL** - ...of, relating to, or acting as an antidote (a remedy to counteract the effects of a poison) Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary.

All of our female clients... be careful if you happen to go down to New Orleans to

volunteer for clean up... if you should fall hopelessly in love with a Louisiana guy, you better be prepared to bring some dotal property to the 'marriage establishment". And since I am not sure if LA has adopted an Equal Rights Amendment, the male clientele may want to be on guard as well. Otherwise you may need a good "Extradotal" property agreement.

I am told that there is no antidote for love, and I guess, one would only be needed if "love" is considered a poison. Of course, if you go into the wrong shop in New Orleans and an old woman mixed up a little bottle of love potion #9, it would probably behoove you to ask for the antidote unless you don't mind sharing your dotal property.

Stay safe, and have a wonderful Easter or Passover or both.