Stewart – Massachusetts Mid-Week Update – November 18, 2020

Dear Stewart Partners,

As always, we hope you, your friends, families and colleagues remain safe and healthy. In this week's update, we wanted to alert you to an important update at the Middlesex (North) Registry of Deeds located in Lowell. In addition, today at 2PM, ALTA is hosting a 2020 Election Round-up, and you'll find registration information below for this free webinar. Lastly, we want to remind you of the new partnership Stewart has with CertifID. CertfID provides wire fraud prevention solutions to help you protect against wire fraud.

• Middlesex (North) Registry of Deeds – Building is Closed until November 19

Registrar, Richard P. Howe, Jr. announced yesterday that the Lowell Justice Center, located at 370 Jackson Street, Lowell, will be closed to the public on November 18 and will reopen on November 19. The Registry <u>will</u> accept electronic recordings, but will not accept walk-in recordings. For more information and updates, please visit the Registry's website at <u>https://massrods.com/middlesexnorth</u> or the blog at: <u>https://lowelldeeds.blogspot.com</u>

For updates on court closings (including probate courts), see the Massachusetts court closures website here: <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/courthouse-closures-due-to-covid-19</u>

• <u>ALTA Webinar – 2020 Election Round-up</u>

This webinar will give you a nonpartisan look at the new balance of the House and Senate, the results of the presidential election and what that means for 2021. The webinar is free and you can register here: https://www.alta.org/news/news.cfm?20201104-Join-ALTA-for-a-2020-Election-Roundup. If you miss this webinar, you can always listen to the recording of this and many other complimentary recorded webinars. To view the listing of past webinars, follow this link: https://www.alta.org/education/webinars.cfm?

• <u>Stewart partners with CertifID</u>

CertifID, the country's leading wire fraud prevention solution, is a safe and secure real-time identity platform for real estate, mortgage, and title industry professionals that will aid in protecting both you and your customers from wire fraud. Through our exclusive partnership with CertifID, you receive wire fraud protection for \$3 per transaction, per party *(on Stewart files)*, a savings of **over 60% off of their standard pricing**. That means wire fraud protection for your customers and tremendous savings for you.

To learn more, visit <u>here</u> and let the CertifID team show you how easy it is to protect your business and your customers with their solution. They can have you up and running on their platform in as little as two hours.

• <u>Stewart's Fall/Winter Education Series – Sign up for a Webinar</u>

Claims Chronicles on December 9, 2020 at 10 AM Register: <u>HERE</u>

If you missed our recent webinar **"Not so Basic – Policy Basics"** or are interested in other webinars we've hosted this year, check out our local Massachusetts Stewart site to view the

recordings. (Scroll to the bottom to view all Webinar Recordings.) https://www.stewart.com/content/stewart/stewartcom/en/stg/massachusetts/underwritingresources/forms-policy-information/covid-19-info-resources.html

• <u>Stewart's Massachusetts COVID-19 Resource Page</u>

Please view our resource page which contains all the local information relative to underwriting guidance, affidavits, registry closures and frequently asked questions. This site will be updated regularly. To access click <u>HERE</u> and make it a favorite on your web-browser. You can also copy the following URL and paste it into your web

browser: <u>https://www.stewart.com/content/stewart/stewartcom/en/stg/massachusetts/under</u> writing-resources/forms-policy-information/covid-19-info-resources.html



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