

Dear Stewart Partners,

As we are nearing the end of 2021, we want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your continued business. We truly value each of you and know that every staff member at every agent has contributed to our success. Stewart has had an incredible year and that would not be possible without all of you. Thank you.

In this week's update we are alerting you that the temporary Remote Ink Notarization legislation which allowed for video assisted notarization expires today, December 15, 2021. Additionally, we have included some resources for social media marketing from Stewart and ALTA. Lastly, we want to remind you that Stewart offices will be closed on December 24.

- *Temporary Remote Ink Notarization in Massachusetts expires on December 15, 2021*

As you all may recall, during the early days of the State of Emergency in 2020, the legislature enacted emergency legislation allowing for Remote Ink Notarization ("RIN"). The emergency legislation was to expire 60 days after the end of the declaration, but was subsequently extended through December 15, 2021. This date has not been extended. Given the termination of the ability to use RIN as an acceptable method of acknowledging documents, please be sure to verify that any documents you receive for recording contain an original wet signature for both the notary and the signer.

- *Social Media Content for Title Professionals*

Marketing using social media is an easy and cost-effective way to maintain clients and generate new business. Developing and curating content is not everybody's strong suit. Not to worry! There are several resources that can make this easier.

- www.Stewartmarketing.com

As an agent, you have access to Stewart's marketing team and materials generated for your use. These include graphics, flyers, and social media content. Also, check out Stewart's YouTube channel where you'll find videos that explain title insurance, warn about wire fraud, and many other useful topics. <https://www.youtube.com/c/StewartTitleCo>

- American Land Title Association (ALTA)– Member Resources

If you are a member of ALTA, you'll have access to a plethora of content geared for 12 months of social media. The Home Ownership Outreach committee of ALTA has put together some great material. To see their library, following this link: <https://www.alta.org/homeowner/social-media-marketing-calendar.cfm>

- *Stewart Holiday Schedule*

To allow our associates to celebrate with family and friends for the upcoming holiday, Stewart's offices will be closed on **Friday, December 24, 2021** and **Monday, January 3, 2022**.

- [Stewart's Massachusetts COVID-19 Resource Page & Information Page](#)

Our easy reference page, which provides you quick access to all our Mid-Week updates, gap coverage affidavits, and bulletins that specifically relate to COVID and other emergency orders, has moved. Save this URL as bookmark in your web browser for easy access: <https://www.stewart.com/en/state-pages/massachusetts-agents/underwriting-resources/covid-19.html>

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