

Dear Stewart Partners,

It's officially Spring according to our calendars and in typical New England fashion, the weather can change on a dime from mid-60's to chilling 40's. One thing that doesn't change with the seasons is our commitment to our agents. Although we've said it before, we want to re-emphasize that our Stewart team is here for you and just a phone call or email away. Never hesitate to reach out to us and let us know how we can help you.

In this week's update, we wanted to highlight the template that the American Land Title Association (ALTA) developed to help companies respond to cybersecurity incidents. This template is available to download (even if you're not an ALTA member) and was created by ALTA's Information Security Work Group. Read more about it below. We are also including an article recently published by the Board of Bar Overseers relating to unclaimed IOLTA funds. Read the details below, along with other helpful links.

On the education front, as many of you know, REBA's spring conference is happening on Monday, May 2, 2022. We are pleased to let you know that Chris Provost, Esq., Stewart's Associate Senior Underwriting Counsel, will be part of a very informative panel discussion on Trusts, Trustee Certificates, and recently amended Title Standards relating to the same. For convenience, we've included a link to sign up below. Also, as we indicated last week, Shannon Coleman, Esq. will be participating in a two-part panel discussion hosted by the Boston Bar Association. The discussion will focus on bankruptcy title issues, and most importantly, how to get to insurability when real estate is subject to bankruptcy court's jurisdiction.

Lastly, in case you missed it in last week's update, we are proud to announce that Stewart is a Gold Sponsor of a Toast to the Women's Lunch Place (WLP) fundraiser. This event is sponsored by the Women's Networking Section of REBA and benefits the Women's Lunch Place located in Boston. WLP inspires hope and supports the development of self-sustaining skills for women experiencing hunger, homelessness, and poverty. This organization does incredible work for women in Massachusetts and Stewart is proud to be part of this event after a forced two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. We hope to see you there. For details on purchasing tickets follow the link below. If you have an interest in becoming a sponsor for the event, reach out to one of our underwriters or your account representative.



ALTA's Cybersecurity Incident Response Template

ALTA has announced that its Information Security Work Group has put together a comprehensive template for use by title companies to help them develop and document a strategy to prepare for, identify, respond to, and recover from a cybersecurity incident. To view ALTA's announcement and for links to the template and other resources, follow this link:

<https://www.alta.org/news/news.cfm?20220310-ALTA-Develops-Template-to-Help-Companies-Respond-to-Cybersecurity-Incidents>



BBO Reminder About Unclaimed IOLTA Account Funds

Dorothy Anderson, First Assistant Bar Counsel, recently published an article about an attorney's obligations relative to unclaimed IOLTA funds. As you may recall, in October of 2020, the Supreme Judicial Court issued its decision in Matter of Olchowski and held that unclaimed IOLTA funds do not escheat to the Commonwealth as abandoned property, but rather should be turned over to the Massachusetts IOLTA Funds Committee. In the article published by Attorney Anderson, the BBO strongly encourages attorneys to "clean up" IOLTA accounts now. New rules have been proposed to amend the current Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct to align with the SJC's decision. Currently, the Standing Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct is reviewing comments it has received from interested parties on the proposed changes. To read the article, follow this link: <https://www.massbbo.org/s/articles-on-ethics>

The BBO also offers free Trust Account training. To view the schedule and for sign up information, follow this link: <https://bbopublic.blob.core.windows.net/web/f/trustaccount.pdf>



Chris Provost, Esq. at REBA's Spring Conference

Chris Provost will be presenting at REBA's Spring Conference on May 2, 2022, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Norwood. Chris and her co-presenter will take an in-depth look at self-dealing and Trustee Certificates after the MUTC and MUPC and review the recent revisions to REBA Title Standards 23 and 68. Join them to see how the Uniform Codes have broadened the way to have statutorily compliant trustee certificates and clarified what constitutes self-dealing. The revised title standards will be discussed with examples to demonstrate what to do and not to do in the record title when holding property in trust. For details and registration information follow this link: <https://reba.net/about-us/2022-spring-conference/>



Bankruptcy and Title Issues – Shannon Coleman, Esq will be part of a two-part series presented by the Boston Bar Association

The Boston Bar Association is presenting a two-part educational webinar featuring panel discussions on the intersection of bankruptcy and real estate law. Attorney Shannon Coleman, one of our Stewart Massachusetts Underwriters, will be participating in the second-panel discussion, focusing on the insurability of real estate which is part of the bankruptcy estate. The first session is on April 5, 2022, at 12 PM, and the second is on April 12, 2022, at 12 PM. For details and registration information follow this link: <https://bostonbar.org/membership/events/event-details?ID=38833>



A Toast to the Women's Lunch Place

Join the Stewart Team as we toast the good work of the WLP in May. The Women's Networking Group of REBA is hosting a fundraiser for the WLP on May 17, 2022, at the Debeveno Winery in Walpole, from 6 PM to 9 PM. In past years the event was held at the day shelter run by WLP in Boston, but this year's event will be taking place in Walpole. The venue has indoor and outdoor

space, making it an ideal spot to gather in a safe way and toast a great organization. Tickets can be purchased through WLP's website. Each registered guest will receive two drink tickets, and lite bites and desserts are included. Stewart is proud to be a sponsor of the event and we hope to see you there too. <https://womenslunchplace.org/donate-reba>



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