

Dear Stewart Partners,

As always, we hope you, your colleagues and family are well. It's hard to believe it's already mid-May, and all of us are enjoying the warmer weather, the slow slide back into what seems to be more normalcy, and re-engaging in person with friends, family, and colleagues. We hope you are as well. If you haven't heard, the Polar Park Stadium is open and the Woosox played their season opener game against the Syracuse Mets. If you are looking for a place to take the kids or you just need a change of scenery there are lots of weekend games with reasonably priced tickets available! If baseball isn't quite your thing, the Worcester Art Museum is also nearby, open to the public, and has some great collections.

Of course, other than weekend fun suggestions, there are a few things we wanted to share with you in this mid-week update that are work related. The first is a reminder about the re-issued FinCen GTO. Stewart issued a bulletin last week, and we are providing a link below in case you missed it. Additionally, we included a link to the SANS Security May newsletter. Lastly, there's still time to register for an agency focused webinar on using social media to market your business. All the details are below.

• FinCEN GTO is Re-Issued – Stewart Underwriting Bulletin SLS2021005

On May 6, 2021, Stewart distributed to all issuing offices its bulletin providing continuing guidance on the FinCEN Geographic Targeting Orders. Reporting is mandated in the following circumstances:

- **Residential** property located in **Middlesex** OR **Suffolk** County, Massachusetts
- > Purchase price is **\$300K** or more
- > Cash or non-institutional financing
- Buyer is a legal entity (which includes LLC, corporations, partnership, unless the business's common stock or analogous equity interest are listed on a securities exchange regulated by the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) or a selfregulatory organization registered with the SEC, or an entity owned by such a business)
- Title Insurance is being purchased

To read the bulletin issued by Stewart, follow this link: https://www.virtualunderwriter.com/en/bulletins/2021-4/sls2021005.html

Stewart will continue to assist agents with their filings. For complete details on filing assistance, please contact an underwriter or your account representative.



• <u>OUCH! SANS Security Awareness – May Newsletter</u>

This month's newsletter focuses on **Vishing.** Vishing, as you may know, uses the phone. It's a very profitable area for cybercriminals and requires less advanced technologies for a successful hit. The criminals can be after your money, your information, access to your computer, or all three. The article provides some practical advice for detecting a scam and avoiding becoming a victim. You can read the article here: <u>https://www.sans.org/newsletters/ouch/vishing/</u> Please feel free to share with friends and family.

• Webinar Tomorrow: Leverage Social Media to Grow Your Business

There's still time to register for this upcoming Webinar hosted by Stewart's Marketing experts. The Stewart Marketing team will dive into how to use social media as a tool to build relationships, increase brand awareness and make sales. Stewart Marketing has a number of recommendations that will help your business create and maintain a solid presence throughout various social networks. During this one-hour webinar, Stewart Marketing will walk you through the process and provide tips to help you increase business through social media.

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021

Time: 11:00 am (Pacific Time Zone) 12:00 pm (Mountain Time Zone) 1:00 pm (Central Time Zone) 2:00 pm (Eastern Time Zone)

Location: National Agency Webinar

To register follow the link below:

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You will immediately receive a SAVE THIS STEWART EMAIL meeting confirmation from WebEx which will include your individual webinar login access link and the instructions to select your audio option.

For questions, please reach out to Gloria Prinz at gprinz@stewart.com / (703)927-1406



• <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:

https://www.stewart.com/content/stewart/stewartcom/en/stg/massachusetts/underwritingresources/forms-policy-information/covid-19-info-resources.html

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