

Dear Stewart Partners,

It was great to see many of you at REBA's Annual Spring Conference. We hope that for those who attended, you were able to catch Stewart's Associate Senior Underwriter, Chris Provost, during one of her sessions discussing Trusts and Trustee Certificates. If you missed it, no worries, we will be rolling out a summer education series where trusts will be a topic. Stay tuned for details.

In this week's update, we want to introduce you to our new Rhode Island State Counsel, Eileen O'Shaughnessy. For our cross-border agents who practice in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Eileen is your go-to resource for Rhode Island underwriting assistance. On the education front, we want to alert you to a free webinar being offered by the Legal Description publication. The webinar is about cyber insurance and will highlight the differences between E&O policies and cyber insurance, how to find the right policy for your business, and obtaining comprehensive coverage. A link to register and take advantage of this free offering is below. Lastly, we are sharing with you an alert about a new scam making the rounds in the world of cybercrime. This scam seeks to trick you into giving access to your accounts by faking a multi-factor authentication alert. Read more about this below.



### **Introducing Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Esq – Stewart's Rhode Island**

We are pleased to announce the addition of Eileen O'Shaughnessy to our New England Underwriting Team. She joins Stewart as Rhode Island State Counsel. Eileen is an attorney with over 25 years of experience in real estate and title law in Rhode Island. Prior to joining Stewart, she served as the Senior Real Estate Counsel in a multi-state law firm specializing in real estate, representing buyers and sellers in both residential and commercial transactions. Additionally, Eileen previously worked as a managing attorney for a high-volume foreclosure and bankruptcy firm overseeing foreclosure and bankruptcy practice areas for both Rhode Island and Connecticut. There she focused on resolving complex title issues and insurability post-foreclosure.

At Stewart, Eileen will provide our Rhode Island agents and partners with underwriting support and solutions for their Rhode Island transactions. You can contact Eileen at [Eileen.Oshaughnessy@Stewart.com](mailto:Eileen.Oshaughnessy@Stewart.com) or (401) 486-5180.



### **Understanding Cyber Insurance**

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022, The Legal Description is hosting a complimentary webinar on the practical topic of obtaining the right kind of cyber insurance for your business. Information about the webinar and how to sign up can be found by following this link:

<https://www.thelegaldescription.com/TLD/understanding-cyber-insurance.aspx>



## **Persistent MFA Prompts – they could be sent by a cybercriminal**

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) can help you protect your online accounts by requiring that you approve login attempts before you can access the accounts. However, if you accidentally approve an MFA notification that you didn't request, cybercriminals may be able to access your accounts and personal information.

In a new scam, cybercriminals are annoying you into approving an MFA notification. If cybercriminals figure out your login credentials for an account, they can send you repeated MFA notifications. The cybercriminals hope that you will eventually approve the login to stop the notifications. Then, the cybercriminals can update the MFA settings in your account to send notifications to their device instead of your own. As a result, the cybercriminals can gain permanent access to your account and any personal information that's in the account.

Experts in the field recommend following these tips to stay safe from MFA scams:

- Never approve an MFA notification that you didn't request.
- Create unique, strong passwords for each of your online accounts. If cyber criminals can't figure out your password, they won't be able to scam you with MFA notifications.
- If you receive an MFA notification for an account that you aren't trying to log in to, immediately change your password for the account.



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