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## Stewart Title Adds Staff in Massachusetts State

**HOUSTON (January 6, 2020)** – Stewart Title's Agency Services in Massachusetts announced the addition of four new staff to the Massachusetts market, adding two Underwriting Counsels and two Senior Agency Services Representatives. The addition of these industry veterans is in response to the growing demand and positive outlook across the state.

**Tracie Kester** – Tracie joins Stewart after three years as Senior Underwriting Counsel at a national title insurance company underwriter. Prior to that she was a partner with the law firm of Annino, Draper & Moore, P.C., in Springfield, MA, where she represented lenders, buyers and sellers in residential and commercial real estate transactions. She was also an instructor for the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley in Springfield, where she taught pre-license salesperson classes from 2008 through 2016. Tracie is a member of the American Land Title Association, the Real Estate Bar Association of Massachusetts, and the Hampden County Bar Association. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

**Christine Provost** – Christine served as Branch Counsel and Senior Underwriting Counsel with a national title insurance company underwriter for the past 14 years and has more than 30 years of experience in conveyancing and title insurance. With a focus on service and responsiveness, her experience includes underwriting all types of transactions from complex commercial and energy to a vast range of residential issues. Christine is a member of the American Land Title Association, the Massachusetts Real Estate Bar Association Standards and Forms Committee and the Real Estate Section of the Hampden County Bar Association.

**Tom Potito** - A brand and marketing strategist with more than 35 years of experience working in all phases of real estate, including real estate sales, mortgage origination, PMI sales, and the past 14 years in the title insurance industry, Tom knows what drives business to his customers as he partners with real estate attorneys across Massachusetts to help their business grow in volume and profitability, whether it's a large firm or a sole practitioner.

**Mary Blomerth** - An Agency Sales Representative for 27 years, Mary's expertise and customer-focus allows her to understand her agent's business goals and she works to bring relevant and timely industry trends and resources that will help her agents achieve the standards they strive for. Prior to working in the title insurance industry, Mary worked as a real estate paralegal in Massachusetts and New York City.



"The demand and growth in our Massachusetts market is high, and the addition of these four industry veterans demonstrates our commitment to meeting our agents' growing needs," said Gary Bernier, Senior Vice President, Agency Services, New England States. "Christine and Tracie are talented attorneys and highly respected underwriters, and Tom and Mary are seasoned professionals who bring a solutions-based customer service approach to their job. I'm excited to welcome them to an already successful Massachusetts team, and I know our customers will benefit from their superior service and expertise."

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