REBA 2022 SPRING CONFERENCE

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

STEPHEN PULEO

Author and Historian



Puleo returns to the REBA conference podium after a well-received luncheon keynote address at the Association's 2018 Spring Conference. A prolific author, historian, educator and public speaker, his recent books include Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission; American Treasures; and, The Caning: The Assault That Drove America to Civil War.

Puleo's other books include A City So Grand: The Rise of an American Metropolis, Boston 1850-1900; The Boston Italians: A Story of Pride, Perseverance and Paesani, from the Years

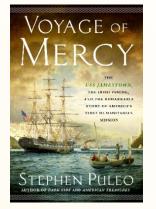
of the Great Immigration to the Present Day; Due to Enemy Action: The True World War II Story of the USS Eagle 56; and Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919. He donates a portion of his book proceeds to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

A former award-winning journalist and contributor of feature stories and book reviews to *American History* magazine and the *Boston Globe*, Puleo has made more than 600 author appearances. Steve holds a master's degree in history from UMass-Boston and has taught at Suffolk University and, most recently, UMass-Boston. He resides with his wife, Kate, south of Boston.

Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission

In his latest book, *Voyage of Mercy*, Puleo details the remarkable story of the mission that inspired America to donate massive relief to Ireland during the potato famine, which sparked America's tradition of providing humanitarian aid around the world.

Voyage of Mercy tells the incredible story of the famine, the Jamestown voyage, and the commitment of thousands of ordinary Americans to offer relief to Ireland, a groundswell that provided the collaborative blueprint for future relief efforts, and established the United States as the leader in international aid.



Conference registration enclosed ♦ Register online at www.reba.net

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EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS

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QUESTIONS?

For questions, contact REBA at (617) 854-7555, admin@reba.net or online at www.reba.net.

Four Points by Sheraton Monday, May 2, 2022 1125 Boston-Providence Tpke, Norwood 7:30 AM – 2:45 PM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Registration and Exhibitors' Hour

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (see descriptions below) 8:30 AM - 1:15 PM

1:20 PM **LUNCHEON PROGRAM**

Opening Remarks from President Kendra L. Berardi 1:20 PM - 1:35 PM

REBA Business Meeting, Reports and Award Presentation 1:35 PM - 2:05 PM

Luncheon Keynote Address by Author/Historian Stephen Puleo 2:05 PM - 2:25 PM

Concluding Remarks 2:25 PM - 2:45 PM

Adjournment 2:45 PM

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Revamped: Self-Dealing and Trustee Certificates After the MUTC and MUPC

Take an in depth look at the revisions to REBA Title Standards 23 and 68. See how the uniform codes have broadened the use of statutorily compliant trustee certificates and clarified what constitutes self-dealing. They will explain how the title standards have changed as a result. Lisa and Chris will discuss the standards and offer examples to demonstrate what to do and not to do in the record title when holding property in trust.

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Ethical Issues Concerning Elder Abuse in Real Estate Transactions

This session will address the ethical issues arising in real estate transactions involving older clients at risk of elder abuse. The panelists will discuss how a lawyer should handle real estate transactions, including the purchase and sale of residential properties, reverse mortgages for seniors, etc., involving a senior who appears diminished or vulnerable to exploitation. The speakers will also identify red flags to detect potential cases of abuse, and cover what processes and resources are available to address these issues, as well as the lawyer's obligations in these situations.

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM **CONFERENCE ROOM 101** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **CONFERENCE ROOM 104**

Siting Cannabis Establishments: Case Law Update, Insights and Legislative Primer on Recent Trends in Municipalities





The panelists will discuss recent case law and provide a legislative primer on the siting of Massachusetts marijuana establishments. The panel will focus on the latest trial and appellate decisions, as well as proposed Massachusetts legislation to address recent developments in cannabis law. In addition, they will discuss their insights and experience in siting cannabis facilities in various municipalities throughout the Commonwealth.

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM **CONFERENCE ROOM 101** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **CONFERENCE ROOM 101** Representing Condominium Buyers and Mortgagees:





Conditions Assessment and Due Diligence After the Surfside Tragedy

The catastrophic Surfside Condominium collapse has significantly impacted the condo industry. There is far greater awareness of, and focus on, issues related to the structural condition of the common areas. Unit owners are more concerned about the safety risks and financial exposures posed by deteriorating structures. Lenders are more cognizant of the risks posed by collapse and impacts on their collateral. Fannie and Freddie have revised their condo lending guidelines by imposing additional conditions on project approval. This program will explore due diligence in a post-Surfside environment from both an engineering and legal perspective, and will give the practitioner a more in-depth understanding of the practical and legal realities in approaching due diligence issues.

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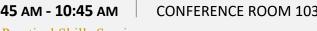






Remote Online Notarization (RON) is now legal in more than 40 states. However, no "attorney-closing" state has implemented RON. Could Massachusetts be the first? This session explores and describes what remote online notarization, or RON, would look like in practice in Massachusetts. The panelists will explain what RON is, why so many lenders want it implemented universally and how it could benefit Massachusetts conveyancers. They will also discuss how RON legislation in Massachusetts might include safeguards to protect consumers and ensure that lawyers maintain a meaningful oversight role in real estate closings. The future is now – make sure you're fully informed!

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▶ Practical Skills Session

How to Handle and Mediate Partition Cases in the Land Court







In fiscal year 2021, nearly 100 partition cases were filed in the Land Court, as it is the preferred venue for partition actions. Two of our panelists, Chief Justice Gordon H. Piper and Associate Justice Diane R Rubin, will describe the common circumstances of family disputes leading to partition, and explain the basics of G.L. c.241. Our third panelist, retired Land Court Judge Alexander H. Sands, will share his experiences mediating and settling dozens of partition cases.

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Dos and Don'ts of Drafting Grantor, Grantee and Acknowledgement Clauses for Trusts, Entities and Fiduciaries





The drafting of documents in real estate transactions involving trusts, corporate entities and fiduciaries can present any number of issues and requirements. This session will review the fundamentals of conveyances by corporate entities, including LLCs, corporations and partnerships, as well as fiduciaries, with a focus on when to use a notary clause or a jurat, how to draft required documents with formats acceptable in Massachusetts, review Land Court requirements and avoiding common traps for the unwary.

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▶ Practical Skills Session

Current Status and Challenges of Registration Withdrawal



The panel will discuss the benefits of voluntary withdrawal from registered land, as well as the current status and challenges of this process in both Massachusetts and other states. They will review recently-adopted/pending legislation in other states related to the Torrens System and present findings based on a statistical analysis study of all voluntary withdrawal petitions filed in the Massachusetts Land Court from 2014 to 2020. The speakers will also discuss recommended practices for filing a withdrawal and under which statutory clause to

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Building Your Law Practice: Teaching First-time Home Buyer Courses

Presenting a first-time home buyer's course can be a great way to educate buyers and also generate new business. However, how do you actually conduct one and present the complicated legal process of buying a home in a streamlined and digestible manner? Join Attorney Elizabeth Vacca and Realtor Rodrigo Serrano as they provide you with content, tips and tricks to make your firsttime home buyer courses a success, while avoiding possible pitfalls.

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM **CONFERENCE ROOM 103**

Video Simulcasts **CONFERENCE ROOMS 101 & 104**

Recent Developments in Massachusetts Case Law

Now in his forty-fourth year as case commentator at REBA's twice-yearly conferences, Phil Lapatin continues to draw a full house with this session. Attending his twice-yearly presentations are a must for any practicing real estate lawyer. Phil is the 2008 recipient of the Association's highest honor, the Richard B. Johnson Award.

REGISTRATION

To register, complete this form and return it with payment to: *REBA Foundation, 295 Devonshire Street, Sixth Floor, Boston, MA 02110* You may also register by phone at 617.854.7555 or online at www.reba.net.

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