

# Handling Slander of Title

*Understand the elements, claims and defenses, remedies, and implications*

Slander of title can be an enigma for even the most experienced real estate practitioner. Rarely litigated in Massachusetts, this tort action is often remedied at the registry of deeds and through mediation. Let MCLE's expert real estate faculty help you learn about this tort action in real estate, including how to recognize and resolve it.

## Agenda

- Elements of Slander of Title
- Common Claims and Defenses
- Practical Considerations: Defenses, Where to Litigate, Pre-Litigation Resolutions and Remedies, Title Insurance Implications, and Timing for Resolution
- Important Statutes
- Significant Cases
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

## Speakers



**KENDRA L. BERARDI**, a Partner at Robinson+Cole LLP in Boston, focuses her practice on real estate litigation and complex commercial litigation. Kendra is a member of the firm's Business Litigation Group and its Real Estate and Title Insurance Team and Appellate Team. She is also a co-chair of the firm's Women's Committee. Kendra advises and represents clients in a wide range of disputes related to real property, including land use, zoning, construction defects, utilities, fraudulent title and conveyances, bad faith and coverage, banking and lending, and commercial leasing. She also counsels clients on issues related to condominium formation, management, and operation, and she mediates and litigates condominium-related disputes.

In addition, Kendra handles complex business disputes, including claims for breach of contract and business torts such as fraud, misrepresentation, unfair and deceptive trade practices, and class action litigation. While Kendra has extensive experience with litigation, she also regularly assists clients with alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration, mediation, and negotiations. Kendra was named a 2020 Top Women in Law by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. She also was selected to the Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* list in 2019 and 2020 and has been listed as a Rising Star from 2014 to 2018. Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, she clerked for Chief Justice Karyn Scheier of the Massachusetts Land Court.



**CARRIE B. RAINEN** is an attorney with Rainen Law Office, P.C. in North Andover, and is admitted in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. In 2016, she was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers. She is a Land Court Examiner, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Real Estate Bar Association of Massachusetts (REBA), is the co-chair of the REBA Standards and Forms Committee, and former co-chair of its Title Insurance and National Affairs Section. Carrie is also a member of REBA's Women's Networking Group and Strategic Communications Committee. In addition, Carrie is a member of New England Land Title Association (NELTA), Merrimack Valley Conveyancers' Association, Commercial Real Estate

Women (CREW) Network and CREW Boston, and was elected to membership in the Abstract Club of Boston in 2019.

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