

Melanie Hagopian, Esq.

Instructor, Real Estate

Melanie Hagopian is an Agency Service Manager at Stewart Title Guaranty in Boston. She has 26 years of experience representing buyers, sellers and lending institutions in real estate transactions. Her clients have included individuals, partnerships and corporate entities. Ms. Hagopian also served as Legal Counsel at the Department of Environmental Management where she provided legal advice and counsel on the land acquisition team in preserving, protecting and expanding the Commonwealth's Forest and Parks system. She has worked with many non-profit environmental groups in preserving land for wildlife habitat and natural resource conservation. Ms Hagopian currently serves on the Membership Committee of the Real Estate Bar Association (REBA). She is a cum laude graduate of the University of New Hampshire and obtained her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School.

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Alex Hahn is a practicing litigator whose clients include businesses and individuals. He is admitted in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the District of Massachusetts, and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. He has been teaching with the BU paralegal certificate program since its inception. He is also the author of "Possessed: the Rise and Fall of Prince," published in 2003-05 by Billboard Books and Hannibal Books.

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Edward Juel is a 1989 cum laude graduate of Southern Methodist University, obtaining degrees in History and Business Administration. He is a 1993 graduate of Boston College Law School, where he served as Topics Editor of the Third World Law Journal. After completing a judicial clerkship in the federal district court, Ed worked as a staff attorney in the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans for several years before returning to Boston in 2001. He served as staff counsel at the United States First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston from 2001 until 2004, before opening a law firm in Boston concentrating on Federal Practice, Motions Practice, and Appeals. Ed also is an Adjunct Professor at Boston College Law School, where he teaches Advanced Legal Writing.

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Sherry Rajaniemi Gregg is an associate at the law firm of Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP., where she practices in the areas of special education law, employment litigation, and general litigation. She graduated from Keene State College with a degree in Psychology in 1990, from Fitchburg State College with a Master's Degree in Adolescent and Family Therapy in 1994, and from

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Boston University School of Law in 1999. She practiced national, complex plaintiffs' litigation, primarily in the areas of products liability and civil rights, as an associate in a small Boston firm before joining Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP.

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Pierce Reed is Senior Judicial Counsel to a justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. He has over twelve years experience as an attorney, having worked previously worked in Boston as a career law clerk to a federal magistrate judge and as an associate in two litigation boutiques. He is knowledgeable in an array of areas of state and federal legal practice. Mr. Reed is a graduate of Ohio University, summa cum laude, and Northeastern University School of Law. He is the author of various legal articles, and was honored for his pro bono legal assistance and awarded a prestigious public interest legal fellowship upon graduation from law school. Mr. Reed has lectured in litigation for Boston University's paralegal program since 2000 and also teaches at Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law in appellate advocacy. He served previously as a teaching assistant in legal research and writing at Northeastern University School of Law and as a research and teaching assistant in student orientation and retention in the psychology department at Ohio University.

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Joseph Spada graduated cum laude from Boston College, and earned his JD at The Catholic University, Columbus School of Law where he worked for a year in the Justice Department.

Early in his career Attorney Spada worked as a law clerk with the Connecticut Trial Courts, with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and the Suffolk County's Sheriff's Department. Attorney Spada spent 20 years as a Federal Staff Attorney with The Honorable Lawrence P. Cohen at the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar, the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, and The first Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Attorney Spada taught Legal Research and Legal Writing at Metropolitan College for five years, and he has been the director of the Center for Professional Education's paralegal program since 2001. In 2001, Metropolitan College honored Attorney Spada with the Outstanding Instructor of the year award.