

## Real Estate Finance Association programs and signature event save the dates

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Boston, MA REFA held a Fundamentals on Ground Leasing on Tuesday, April 24th at Holland & Knight. Speakers Marianne Ajemian, partner, Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP and Matt Lawlor, partner, Robinson + Cole LLP provided the audience with an overview of the topic and how it relates to trends we are seeing in the industry.

On Tuesday, June 19th, REFA will be holding an Education Series program on the topic of "Navigating Development in a Challenging Environment". Panelists for the program will be moderator Jeff Tompkins, founding partner, SGA Architects and speakers Brian Fallon, president, development, The Davis Companies, Manny Kratsios, managing director, Merritt & Harris and Mark McGowan, vice president, development, Skanska Commercial Development. The program will be held at 100 High St., Boston as a breakfast program from 8:00 – 9:15 AM. These programs are open to both REFA members and non-members.

REFA's second Fundamentals Education program of the year will be held on July 17th on the topic of "Acquisitions and Dispositions". Eric Lemont, partner, Sullivan & Worcester LLP and Eric Allon, Partner, Bernkopf Goodman LLP will present their insights and experience on the topic for what promises to be an engaging presentation and discussion. The program will be held as a luncheon from 12 – 1:15PM at Sullivan & Worcester LLP, One Post Office Sq., Boston. REFA's Fundamentals are held throughout the year as 101-type programs, designed as a general overview and refresh on the topic at hand. These programs are open to both REFA members and non-members.

## Save The Dates:

This year's Annual REFA Charitable Golf Tournament, Golf Clinic and Tennis Tournament will be taking place on Monday, July 23rd at Dedham Country and Polo Club. The tournament will be benefiting FamilyAid Boston and Rosie's Place, two charities whose mission is to help end homelessness within Greater Boston.

The 30th Annual REFA Gala will be held on Thursday, October 11 from 5:30 – 9:00 PM at the Marriott Copley Place. This year's honoree and recipient of the Robert S. Swain Jr. Distinguished Service Award is Robert Griffin, U.S. head of capital markets, president, New England Area, Newmark Knight Frank. We look forward to honoring Griffin for his accomplishments and all he has done within the community. We hope to see you there!

For more information about REFA and upcoming events, please visit our website at

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REFA hosts 30 programs and events per year with the help of its committees. Interested in helping develop and shape a program while networking with other REFA members? If so, we encourage committee participation. There are several committees to choose from, including: annual events committee, emerging leaders committee, golf committee, membership committee, programs committee and the strategic programming committee. Join today and grow your network with REFA!

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