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Driving Conversation and Connection: REFA's September Programs and Events

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Boston, MA This September, REFA was proud to sponsor two CRE Collaborative programs. The CRE Collaborative first came together for a candid and informative conversation with attorney general Andrea Joy Campbell to discuss issues relating to the commercial real estate industry. Thanks to Paul Ayoub, Nutter for moderating the conversation, Taidgh McClory, THM Advisors, and Amanda Strong, Mitimco, for their thoughtful reflections, and to each of The CRE Collaborative member organizations.

The second program of the month, the 2025 Capital Investors Summit hosted by The Builder Coalition, featured keynote, Vincent Teye, managing director, head of community development banking (CDB), JPMorganChase. The national summit brought together real estate developers, capital providers, and investment institutions to create new business connections and share strategies to close persistent funding gaps for diverse and emerging developers.

On September 23 REFA hosted The Lodging Ledger: Trends & Transactions at WilmerHale; 60 State St., 26th Floor. Moderator, Trabulsi Lawrence, managing director/EVP, CHMWarnick, brought together top voices from across the hotel real estate sector, Nala Holmes, vice president, Pyramid Global Hospitality, John Murray, president & CEO, Sonesta International Hotels, and Alan Suzuki, managing director, JLL, for a discussion that dove into the forces shaping the lodging industry today. From market trends and deal activity to operational challenges and forward-looking strategies, the

panel provided expert insights into how hotel assets are being positioned for success in a rapidly evolving environment.

REFA's Innovation Committee presented AI Integration Across the Lifecycle of CRE Investment on October 8 at One Federal St. - a forward-looking panel on how artificial intelligence is reshaping the commercial real estate investment lifecycle. From development and operations to capital markets, the experts shared practical insights, tools, and strategies that demonstrate how AI is driving efficiency, enhancing value, and transforming the future of CRE investment. The panel was moderated by Grant Buchanan, senior financial analyst, BXP and featured industry leaders, Suffolk Technologies, Johnny Morris, co-founder, Fifth Dimension, and Stephanie Williams, president, Bozzuto.

The 37th Annual REFA Gala

Monday, November 3rd, 2025 | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Boston Omni Hotel at the Seaport

Sponsorships and tickets are available for the 37th Annual REFA Gala honoring National Development with the Swain Distinguished Service Award.

Sponsor and/or learn more about the Annual REFA Gala at www.annualrefagala.com.

Keep an eye out as more programs and events will soon be announced for this fall. More info can be found on our website, www.refa.org under our Events tab.

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