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PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS ACCEPTING E-RECORDINGS

Plymouth County Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr. announced the Registry of Deeds is now accepting electronic recordings, or "e-recordings". E-recording is a process of submitting and receiving land documents electronically over a secure internet connection and recording them through an intermediary vendor.

Plymouth County initiated a pilot program six months ago and recorded some seven hundred non-time sensitive documents electronically before recently accepting "live" deeds. As a result, attorneys are now able to conduct a closing off-site, scan documents, submit them electronically to an approved intermediary for recording and receive confirmation from the Registry that their documents have been recorded before the parties to the closing have left the office. "Closing attorneys will be able to record documents faster, disburse funds and offer overall better service without having to leave the comfort of their own offices," Buckley explained.

The introduction of electronic recording is the most recent in a number of developments serving to modernize the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. With the opening of the Brockton office in 1994, Plymouth County became the first county in the Commonwealth to offer a satellite registry for the convenience of users and the general public who, in this case, were otherwise forced to travel to Plymouth for registry business. A second satellite was opened in Rockland in 2000, followed by a new, state of the art, handicapped-accessible Plymouth facility in 2005. "This exciting advancement takes us beyond convenient, efficient and safe access to the Registry and actually eliminates the need to travel to the Registry in order to record documents," said Buckley. It is a great benefit to the real estate bar and their clients and will improve efficiency in our operations."

The Registry has agreed to accept recordings from Simplifile as a third party intermediary. Simplifile is hosting an electronic recording seminar at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water Street in Plymouth on Tuesday September 16, 2008 from 4:00 to 6:00, which is open to the public.

For questions concerning electronic recording in Plymouth County, please contact Assistant Register of Deeds Michael P. Holden at holden@plymouthdeeds.org or (508) 830-9292.