



With more than four decades of mortgage experience, George Downey continues to demonstrate commitment to the mortgage industry, the community at large, and his clients, especially senior homeowners.

In addition to serving on NRMLA's Board of Directors, Downey served 13 years on the board of the Massachusetts Mortgage Association, he was an education member of the MA Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and he continues to actively promote legislative reform for MA senior homeowners. Additionally, he has authored numerous articles on senior financing and related issues and, is a frequent guest speaker on radio shows and public forums promoting senior education and best practices for reverse mortgages and retirement planning.

Downey has been a long-time activist in community service participating on the Board of Directors of the Greater Boston Food Bank and serving as President of the Boston College Alumni Association (where he co-founded Second Helping, one of the nation's first perishable food recovery programs). Additionally, he was a co-founder and Board Chair of Christmas in April*Boston (renamed Rebuilding Together® Boston), a charity that repairs and refurbishes the homes of low income families and senior homeowners in the Greater Boston area.

In 1995, Boston College presented George with the William V. McKinney Award (the highest award the University grants a graduate for contributions to society honoring the Jesuit mission of educating men and women for the service of others). In 2003, Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush awarded him the President's Daily Point of Light award. That same year, Governor Mitt Romney conferred the Massachusetts Point of Light Award recognizing his role in developing the Rebuilding Together Boston program serving elder and needy homeowners in Massachusetts.