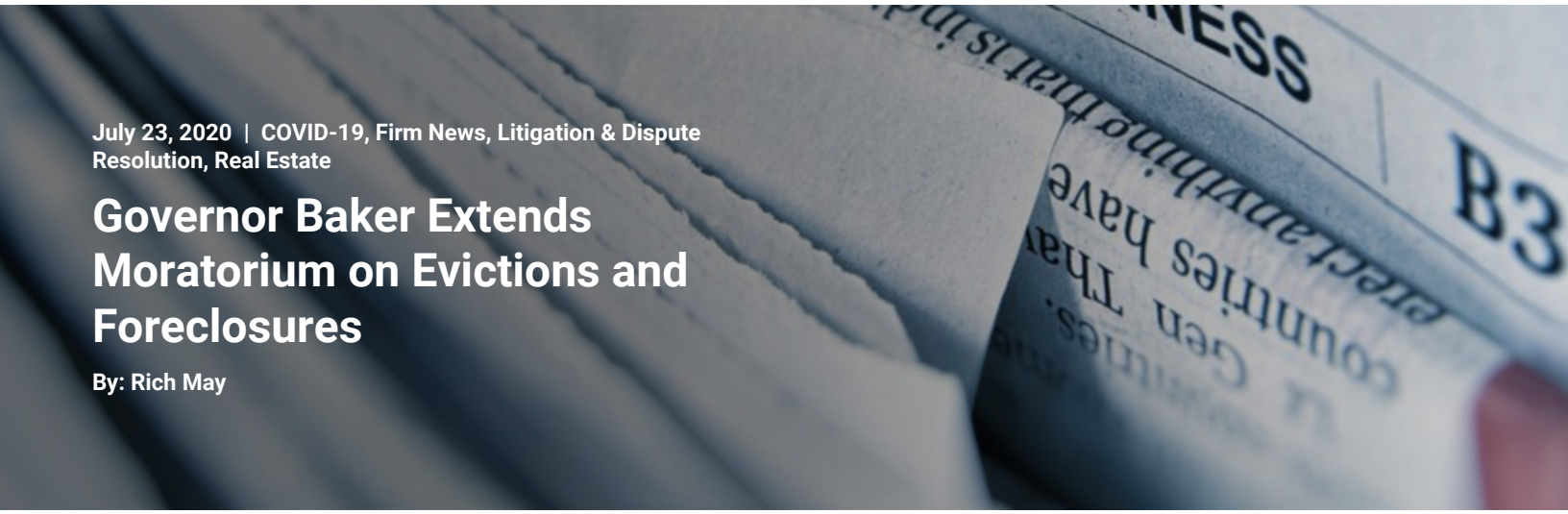

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Governor Baker Extends Moratorium on Evictions and Foreclosures

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The current moratorium on most evictions and foreclosures in Massachusetts was set to expire on August 18, 2020. On July 21, 2020, Governor Baker exercised his authority under Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2020 to extend certain sections of that law for an additional 60 days. The moratorium on evictions and foreclosures is now set to expire on October 17, 2020. Notably, Governor Baker did not extend a provision requiring mortgage holders to grant forbearances upon request by the mortgagor. For more information on the moratorium, see our past pieces on the passage of the moratorium and the regulations issued to ensure compliance.

A bill designated HD 5166 has also recently been proposed, which would extend the moratorium for more than a year and provide additional protections to tenants, homeowners, and some landlords impacted by the economic downturn precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any tenants, homeowners, landlords, or lenders with questions can contact Rich May, P.C. attorneys Nathaniel C. Donoghue and Jeffrey B. Loeb.

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