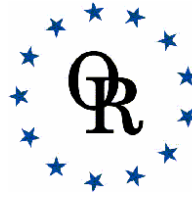


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To: All Agents, Direct Operations & Attorneys in the States of Texas and New Mexico
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Re: Counterfeit Checks

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) issues several Special Alerts each year concerning counterfeit checks and other counterfeit instruments drawn on institutions all over the world. In some instances the institution on which the counterfeit item purports to be drawn is nonexistent. Copies of all FDIC Special Alerts are accessible from the FDIC website using the following link:

<http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/specialalert/index.html>

Issues concerning counterfeit items are rampant throughout the country. The site is easy to use, listing each of the alerts and the financial institutions involved.

Personnel performing escrow functions or otherwise handling checks or other drafts are strongly encouraged to review this site on an ongoing basis. If any draft is received which arouses the suspicion of an employee, this website should be a resource which is checked in every instance.

Any questions concerning this Bulletin should be directed to the Legal Department.

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