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Lawyer Checker



Why you need Lawyer Checker:

Is your client's money in safe hands?

Do you know if the vendor conveyancer you are sending money to is a legitimate conveyancer with a track history?

Vendor conveyancer fraud has become more prevalent in recent years. The Solicitors Regulation Authority received over 700 reports of bogus law firms in 2015 alone. This has led to a need for a more robust check to verify the status of a lawyer.

As fraudsters have adapted their methods, it is no longer okay to assume it is safe to send purchase funds to the vendor's conveyancer, based on the fact you recognise the name as a reputable practice. In fact it may be a criminal using a stolen identity and diverting the funds to their own account.

Lawyer Checker is a simple but effective online service that allows you to gather further information on the vendor conveyancer. We recommend that this check is carried out when you get Requisitions on Title and before Exchange of Contracts. It is a far more cost-efficient and timely way of carrying out checks on vendor solicitors than in-house activity.

When account and firm details are submitted, Lawyer Checker will identify if there is a track record or previous use associated with that account. This account check returns an immediate response of "frequent", "infrequent" or "unknown".

If "infrequent" or "unknown", Lawyer Checker's in-house team will conduct further checks on over ten databases including:

- Roll of solicitors/conveyancers
- Companies House information
- ICO Data Protection Register
- Land Registry Transfers of Value lists
- FCA Registers
- A sort code look-up
- Streetview.

Detecting an identity risk early in the conveyancing process saves time and money and reduces stress. The report enhances your due diligence, safeguards against genuine human error and gives you an immediate response. If the result raises concern, further research will be carried out within four working hours.

Lawyer Checker gives you peace of mind that your client's money is going to a viable and legitimate account.

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