



RENGER & REYNOLDS, PLLC

## WIRE FRAUD NOTICE

*Incidents of wire fraud are becoming more prevalent in real estate transactions!*

In order to minimize exposure to possible wire fraud, please note the following:

- **Never rely** on emails purporting to change wiring instructions.
- Our firm will **never** change wiring instructions in the course of a transaction.
- **Always confirm** our wiring instructions *verbally*. Please call our firm using a phone number previously verified.
- **Never** use wiring instructions which have been forwarded or sent by unsecure email.
- Please note that any wiring instructions from our firm will be sent by **secure email or through a secure portal**.
- **Always** read the From: email address carefully. Hackers will often change the email address by one letter or number or symbol to make you think it is coming from your agent, attorney, or lender.
- You will **never** be told by our firm that your funds are needed immediately or that the funds must be sent well before the closing date.
- When in doubt, **do not send!** Once funds are sent to a fraudulent account, they are nearly impossible to get back.
- If you are not comfortable receiving wiring instructions electronically, please let us know in advance. Wiring instructions can be picked up from our office.