

PENN ATTORNEYS TITLE ALERT

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**RE: Title Alert 2007-12 FDIC Special Alert Washington Federal Savings Bank
Washington, PA**

Please be advised that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") has issued Special Alert SA-61-2007, warning of the circulation of counterfeit official checks bearing the name of a Pennsylvania lender, Washington Federal Savings Bank. The Alert is excerpted in part below:

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Official Checks

Summary: *Counterfeit official checks bearing the name Washington Federal, Washington, Pennsylvania, are reportedly in circulation.*

Washington Federal Savings Bank, Washington, Pennsylvania, has contacted the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to report that counterfeit official checks bearing the institution's name are in circulation.

The counterfeit items display the routing number **243374221**, which is assigned to Washington Federal Savings Bank. The items are not similar to authentic checks and include the words "OFFICIAL CHECK" below the top border, printed on the right side of the institution's name. In the top-left corner is a "W" logo, which is not associated with the institution. Security feature descriptions are embedded within the top border and detailed on the back. Authentic checks display the words "TREASURER'S CHECK" centered below the top border and include the institution's official logo in the top-left corner. Authentic checks also display the institution's name and the words "AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE" above the lower-right corner. The checks are printed on paper with a pale blue background.

Any information you have concerning this matter should be brought to the attention of: Kenneth E. Arthur, Jr., Security Officer, Washington Federal Savings Bank, 77 South Main Street, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, Telephone (724) 222-3120 Ext. 1155, Fax: (724) 223-4169, E-mail: karthur@washfed.com

Information about counterfeit items, cyber-fraud incidents and other fraudulent activity may be forwarded to the FDIC's Cyber-Fraud and Financial Crimes Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-4004, Washington, D.C. 20429, or transmitted electronically to alert@fdic.gov. Questions related to federal deposit insurance or consumer issues should be submitted to the FDIC using an online form that can be accessed at <http://www2.fdic.gov/starsmail/index.asp>.

FDIC Alerts may be accessed from www.fdic.gov/news/news/SpecialAlert/2007/index.html.

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