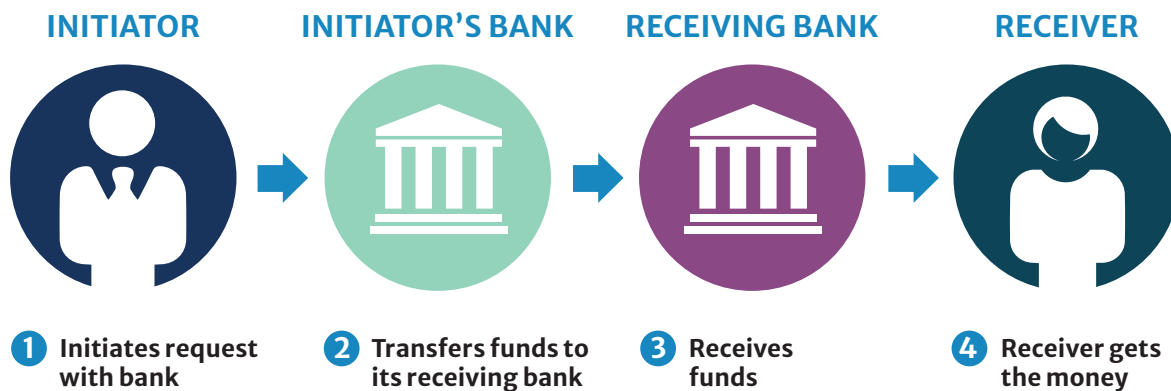


# Wire Fraud Alert

## Strategies to Keep Your Funds Safe

### How a Wire Transfer Works



### All Parties Face the Risk of Losing Their Money to Wire Fraud Ensure it Doesn't Happen to You

#### Tips to Ensure Secure Wire Transfer

- >> **Confirm wire instructions. Most compromises happen because buyers follow the wrong instructions.** Making sure your wire instructions are authentic, before sending the money, is the most important step.
- >> **Never rely on email communication regarding a change in wire instructions. Hackers use email to convince buyers of a change in wire instructions.** Always verify by calling the title company directly.
- >> **Use a familiar phone number to call the title company.** Do not rely on a phone number in what could be a fraudulent email message. If you don't have the title company's contact information, check the website or contact your attorney.
- >> **Be aware...** Entering into a real estate transaction is a long process. Be mindful that you are a target for hackers and follow extreme caution when communicating via email.

For more information on wire-fraud scams or to report an incident, please refer to the following links:

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
<http://www.fbi.gov>

Internet Crime Complaint Center  
<http://www.ic3.gov>

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**WIRING INSTRUCTIONS**

To: Buyer(s)/Borrower(s) and lender(s)

When wiring funds to Theis Law Firm, P.C. and Phillip A. Theis d/b/a Pontoon Title Company

Destination Bank name: Regions Bank  
2400 Pontoon Road  
Granite City, IL 62040  
(618) 797-3270

Regions Bank Transit/Routing number: 062005690

Account name: Theis Law Firm, P.C. and Phillip A. Theis d/b/a Pontoon Title Company

Account number: 5002528890

Please reference: Buyer's/Borrower's full name

If you have any questions please call (618) 931-6500 Ext.0

Note: With cyber crimes on the increase, it is important to be ever vigilant. We recommend that financial information never be forwarded to or from any non-encrypted/non-secure email system. We will not be responsible for situations arising from forwarded non-secure communications. We strongly recommend that you always call us at a telephone number you trust and confirm is accurate just prior to wiring funds to verify our correct wiring information. If you receive an e-mail or any other communication that appears to be generated from a Pontoon Title Company/Theis Law Firm, P.C. employee that contains new, revised or altered bank wire instructions, consider it suspect and call our office. Our bank wire instructions seldom change.

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