

**FRAUD ALERT: Cooperative law trust account scam**

A cheque for \$180,750.00 recently arrived in a plain white envelope with no return address, to the attention of one of our members at their P.O. Box. The “clients” involved are a divorcing couple named Beverly and MacKenzie Kawashima. This firm could not find any associated files in their system, although a brief internet search for the “client” names produced several fraud warnings from across North America.

This is an attempt to conduct a trust account cheque scam whereby the member receives and deposits a bogus retainer cheque and is immediately told to provide an equalizing cheque (which will, unbeknownst to them, debit their trust account).