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# ML/TF RISKS

## BE INFORMED AND STAY ALERT

Legal professionals

**Criminals use legal services to structure or hide the origin of funds.** Knowing what to look out for helps you spot issues early. Your awareness is your business's first line of defence.

### Have you noticed a client who:

- has an overly complex legal structure without a clear reason?
- is using legal advice mainly to move or hold funds?
- is reluctant to provide background information or meet directly?
- frequently changes representatives or instructions?
- is overly concerned with secrecy rather than legal outcomes?
- is linked to countries with secrecy laws or uses offshore entities without a clear reason?



**Remain alert, ask questions and report concerns.**

**Remember:** You must still report suspicious matters even if you refuse the transaction.

◀ Scan the QR code for more indicators to look out for.