

MEMORANDUM

To: *Corporate Check Fraud Protection Manual* Customers
From: A.S. Pratt & Sons
Subject: Highlights

Enclosed is the latest edition of the *Corporate Check Fraud Protection Manual*. In spite of all the electronic advances in banking, checks are still the dominant form of non-cash payments. Unfortunately, checking trickery is as popular as it ever was, too. Criminals are forever trying to stay one step ahead of the technological improvements meant to make their lot in life more difficult. Financial institutions are quite vulnerable to the schemes of these devious plotters -- three quarters of commercial banks were found to have been victimized in the most recent study. It is the savvy institution that plans for such an eventuality and A.S. Pratt's *Corporate Check Fraud Protection Manual* is the best place to start.

This latest edition includes new information on the following topics:

- How do principles of comparative negligence allocate responsibility between a bank and its customer for unauthorized checks?
- How does check truncation increase bank risk concerning fraudulent signatures?
- Can a bank recover funds represented by counterfeit checks, but that have previously been withdrawn by the customer?
- Who is the proper payee of a check made payable to "Party A and/or Party B"?
- Who can bring an action against a bank for violating its midnight deadline?