



## WWB April Update

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### Buying Smart In Real Estate, Teen Drivers, Child Support & DMV Scams in Connecticut

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#### A Note from Our CEO

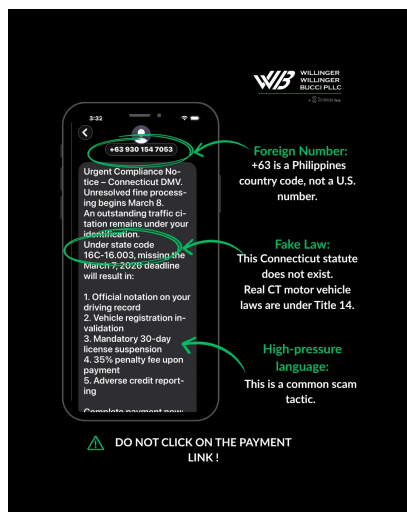
This month's newsletter highlights a consistent theme we are seeing across our practice: decisions that may appear routine—buying a home, signing a contract, addressing a ticket, or setting support obligations—often carry far more legal and financial consequence than clients initially expect. In today's environment, the margin for error is smaller, and the cost of getting it wrong is higher.

At the same time, we are continuing to operate in larger and more complex matters, as reflected in the transactions and engagements our team is handling. That growth is intentional. We are investing in talent, infrastructure, and capabilities to ensure we can advise our clients at every stage—from everyday legal needs to high-stakes, high-value matters.

Our focus remains the same: helping clients make informed decisions early, protect their position, and execute with confidence.

- Joshua Soloway, CEO

# Client Update



## Connecticut DMV Scam Alert

Attorneys at WWB have seen a recent increase in clients receiving suspicious text messages claiming to be **“Urgent Compliance Notices”** that appear to be from the **Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles**.

These messages allege unresolved fines and threaten consequences such as license suspension, registration invalidation, penalty fees, and credit impacts. They include a payment link and demand immediate action.

**These messages are fraudulent. Do not click the link. Delete the message.**

Scammers rely on urgency and fear to drive quick responses. Recognizing how these messages operate is key to avoiding unnecessary financial and personal risk.

There are clear red flags that identify these texts as fraudulent:

- **Foreign origin numbers:** Many of these messages originate from international numbers. For example, **“+63”** corresponds to the Philippines, not a Connecticut agency.
- **Invalid legal references:** The messages cite statutes such as **“code 16C-16.003,”** which do not exist under Connecticut law. Motor vehicle statutes are found under Title 14 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- **Improper communication methods:** The Connecticut DMV **does not** send unsolicited text messages regarding violations or fines, and will not demand payment through text. Electronic communications are only sent when individuals have opted in, and never for enforcement or payment demands.

More broadly, any unsolicited message demanding immediate payment should be treated with caution. High-pressure timelines and unfamiliar claims are common hallmarks of fraud.

**The takeaway:** Scam attempts are increasing in both frequency and sophistication. Verifying the source of any payment request before taking action is critical to protecting your personal and financial information.

Have questions about a suspicious DMV communication or believe you've been targeted?

Reach out to schedule a consultation →

# Legal Insights from the WWB Team

From first-time home buying and residential real estate contracts to child support enforcement and teen driver risks, these legal insights highlight the issues that can impact your transaction, your family, and your financial future.



## New Home Buyers: The Role of a Real Estate Attorney

- Bradd Robbins, Esq.

- ◆ **Your contract sets the foundation — and not all contracts are equal:** In Connecticut, real estate agents often use broker-prepared form contracts. While these cover the basics for a standard single-family home, they may fall short for homes under construction or mixed-use properties. An attorney-prepared contract includes additional protections tailored to your specific transaction.
- ◆ **Contingencies protect your deposit and flexibility:** Key contingencies such as financing, inspection, title, and municipal review allow you to exit the transaction if conditions are not met. Without them, your financial risk increases significantly.
- ◆ **A title and municipal search can reveal what the seller won't:** Your attorney will conduct a title search to confirm ownership, identify liens or mortgages that must be cleared, and uncover any easements, restrictions, or unpaid taxes that may not be immediately visible but can impact the property's value and use.
- ◆ **Buying a home is a major financial decision:** Having the right legal guidance ensures the process is handled properly from contract to ownership.

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## Teens, Tickets & Avoiding Trouble: What Young Drivers and Parents Need to Know

- Christopher DeMatteo, Esq.

- ◆ **Criminal offenses can trigger immediate and lasting license suspensions:** Convictions for OUI/DUI, reckless driving, evading responsibility, eluding a police officer, and operating under suspension carry automatic suspensions at any age. In some cases, a DUI suspension can take effect even without a conviction, with long-term implications for insurance and driving history.
- ◆ **Teens under 18 face enhanced penalties:** Young drivers are subject to automatic suspensions for violations that would not suspend an adult's license — including cell phone use, speeding more than 20 mph over the limit, and passenger or curfew restrictions. These penalties are strict and often unexpected.
- ◆ **Underage alcohol and marijuana possession can result in license suspension — even without driving:** A conviction for possession triggers a suspension regardless of where the incident occurred.
- ◆ **When your child receives a ticket, how you respond is critical:** What may appear minor can carry consequences that are not immediately clear. Consulting an attorney before responding can help avoid unnecessary penalties.

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### Child Support: Protecting Your Children's Financial Future

- Mark Middleden, Esq.

- ◆ **Both parents share a financial responsibility for their children — regardless of relationship status:**

Whether married or unmarried, the obligation to support a minor child does not end when a relationship does. When one parent is left carrying that burden alone, the law provides a path to enforce that obligation.

- ◆ **Child support extends beyond basic living expenses:** A properly calculated order accounts for more than shelter, food, and clothing. It also includes health insurance, unreimbursed medical expenses, and work-related childcare costs. Reaching an accurate figure requires a thorough review of income, employment, and earning capacity.

- ◆ **Enforcement is critical to ensuring compliance:** A child support order must be actively enforced to be effective. When a non-custodial parent fails to meet their obligation, legal remedies such as income withholding and contempt proceedings may be pursued, which can result in wage garnishment, payment of attorney fees, and, in certain cases, incarceration.

- ◆ **When a child's well-being is at stake, you need a firm that enforces every obligation.**

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### Residential Real Estate Contract Terms Defined

- Katherine M. Macol, Esq.

- ◆ **Property Description defines the exact boundaries of the asset:** The property description goes beyond the address and establishes the legal boundaries of the property as recorded in the town's land records. This critical detail is often not included in broker-prepared contracts.

- ◆ **Deposit reflects financial commitment and potential exposure:** The deposit, often approximately 10% of the purchase price, represents the buyer's initial payment toward the transaction. The amount and timing are negotiable, but the deposit may be at risk depending on how the contract is structured and whether contingencies are properly satisfied or waived.

- ◆ **Contingencies provide contractual protection — subject to strict deadlines:** Contingencies allow a buyer to terminate the contract and recover their deposit if specified conditions are not satisfied. Common contingencies include financing, appraisal, inspection, title, and municipal review. These protections are time-sensitive, and failure to act within the designated period may result in waiver of those rights.

- ◆ **Buying or selling a house is an exciting event but all parties should be aware of the critical terms of the contract before signing on the dotted line!**

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## WWB Wins

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- **Real Estate Momentum**

Attorney **Bradd Robbins** secured representation on a \$14 million property sale, further strengthening the firm's presence in high-value transactions.

- **A Historic Engagement**

WWB has been engaged to handle key aspects of a \$2.5 billion real estate transaction — the largest in the firm's history — as noted by our Founder, Chuck Willinger. This milestone reflects the level of trust placed in our team and our continued expansion into complex, high-value matters.

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## WWB Updates: Our Team is Growing!

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We're excited to welcome three key additions to the firm this month:

- **Christopher DeMatteo – Counsel**

Chris DeMatteo joins WWB as Counsel, bringing **15+ years** of courtroom experience across criminal defense, personal injury, employment, and civil litigation. **A six-time Super Lawyers selectee**, Chris has tried **40+** cases and argued multiple appeals before the Connecticut Appellate Court. His addition strengthens the firm's litigation and appellate capabilities in complex, high-stakes matters.

- **Joshua Dorsey - Director of Operations**

Josh Dorsey joins the team as an operations leader with **18+ years** of experience building and scaling organizations across the legal and real estate sectors. Josh specializes in strengthening systems, optimizing processes, and developing high-performing teams. His addition enhances cross-functional alignment, operational efficiency, and the firm's ability to deliver consistent, high-quality client service.

- **Faatimah Essack - Legal Executive**

Faatimah joins the firm as an Attorney and Notary Public of the High Court of South Africa, holding an LLM from Trinity College Dublin with a focus on media and intellectual property law. Faatimah brings cross-jurisdictional experience across both corporate and litigation practice. Her addition strengthens the firm's ability to deliver modern, technology-enabled legal services, enhancing efficiency and innovation in client service delivery.

Please join us in welcoming Chris, Josh, and Faatimah to the WWB team.

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"It was a pleasure to be represented by attorney **Mark Middlen** from Legal Shield.

I had a secure feeling of confidence throughout the process, as I was treated to courteous, experienced and professional representation."



**Steve A.**

"**Chris Cerami** did an excellent job in resolving a dispute that had been going on for several years.

Highly recommend him and the entire Willinger, Willinger & Bucci PLLC firm for your legal needs."



**Eric.**

"I was represented by Willinger, Willinger & Bucci for a court filing.

I received impeccable service from **James Lenex Esq** whose great work and support made the entire process seamless."



**Julie A.**

When it matters most, you need the right team in your corner. We're here to protect your interests and get results.

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**"The good lawyer is not the man who has an eye to every side and angle of contingency, but who throws himself on your part so heartily, that he can get you out of a scrape."**

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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