

## **Consumer Hub** Consumer Protection Resources

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- *buy smart*
- *avoid scams*
- *file complaints*
- *take legal action*



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Since 2001, National Ethics Association (NEA) has helped business professionals build their companies on a foundation of trust, ethics and best practices. NEA is committed to helping businesses serve their customers with knowledge and integrity by providing educational resources and content encouraging and promoting ethics in business and beyond.

NEA is also devoted to aiding consumers with the increasingly complex task of conducting due diligence on business professionals. This results in greater peace of mind for skeptical consumers and also rewards those worthy of their trust.

To learn more about how to find businesses you can trust, visit [www.ethics.net](http://www.ethics.net)



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due dil-i-gence: research and analysis of a company or organization done in preparation for a business transaction

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## Why Due Diligence is Important

Now more than ever, consumers must evaluate the background, credentials, and qualifications of individuals or companies . . . *before* doing business. At National Ethics Association (NEA), you can find guidance and information on how to select a qualified and trustworthy business or professional.

## Why Choose a National Ethics Association Member

By joining National Ethics Association (NEA), our members place themselves in a position of scrutiny. They encourage due diligence, rather than hide from it. They want you, the consumer, to have peace of mind when choosing them for your business needs. Look for our seal of trust on our member's websites.



## Regulator Check

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- Enter the member's last name in the search field
- In the search results, select 'View Profile' next to member's name

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- Visit [www.ethics.net/members](http://www.ethics.net/members)
- Select the business industry and enter your zip code