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Benchmark Title Operational Update

Dear Clients,

Six weeks ago we updated you on Benchmark's unique ability to seamlessly continue business as usual while our staff worked remotely. It remains business as usual at Benchmark, and while most of our staff will continue to work remotely, some are now returning to our office at 222 Bloomingdale Road.

Our attorneys and staff are still processing new orders, clearing files, and facilitating closings. And although the majority of closings are presently escrow style or "remote", we are still conducting traditional sit-down closings, although with some modifications for your health and well-being (including the required use of masks and gloves!). For a detailed explanation on the current state of closings and prevailing approaches, a Forbes article quoting Benchmark's Chief Counsel & Managing Member, Jean Partridge, may be found by clicking here.

Additional helpful links pertaining to the current closing landscape, including notarization options, may be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

We will continue to update you on meaningful developments with Benchmark and the title industry, and invite you to visit our website at www.Benchmarkta.com for a current status list of all County Clerk and Municipal offices in New York State. These lists are updated daily.

As always, should you have questions, please contact the attorney or staff member assigned to your file. Of course, you can always reach Jean Partridge at (914) 250-2404 and Thomas N. DeCaro at (914) 250-2403. <u>Click here for our staff directory</u>.

Our continued best to everyone for your, and your families', safety and health.

Benchmark Title Agency