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## COMMERCIAL COLLECTIONS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2009

We at Richardson Riley & Associates strive to provide our clients with the highest return on their outstanding accounts receivable whether collection efforts are being performed internally or are outsourced to us. To that end, we provide monthly updates on trends we are seeing in the industry and collection tips that may be helpful. We hope you find our updates topical and of assistance. This month's topic is:

### DISHONORED CHECKS

Intentionally passing a bad check is a crime and, unfortunately, is one trend we are seeing from debtors during the current recession. Dishonored checks not only cost businesses in terms of bank fees, but a delay in payments can (i) decrease the likelihood of payment, (ii) decrease the amount collected, and (iii) decrease return due to the time value of money. That is the bad news. The potentially good news is that most, if not all, states have enacted legislation to address this growing issue.

In our effort to assist clients and local authorities with prosecution of bad check crimes, we have noticed some interesting similarities and key differences among state statutes with respect to the prerequisites to such prosecution of which every business should be aware if they are receiving checks that are later dishonored. For more information regarding this topic, please contact your Richardson Riley & Associates representative immediately. If you do not currently have a contact at Richardson Riley & Associates, but would like to discuss this month's topic or any collection related matter, please contact us at (302) 449-4970 or [moneyrecovery@richardsonriley.com](mailto:moneyrecovery@richardsonriley.com).