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Combatting Fraud Through Due
Diligence



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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pen, poised to write on a map. The map shows various geographical features and lines, with a red dot marking a specific location. The background is dark and out of focus.

Attorney-led investigations

in all 50 states and around the world.

Fraud



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What is Due Diligence?



Why Due Diligence?



Iran and China are hiring private eyes 'under false pretenses' to spy on dissidents in America: PI says FBI alerted him foreign agents were using him as pawn in plot to kidnap Iranian journalist from her Brooklyn home

By [KEITH GRIFFITH FOR DAILYMAIL.COM](https://www.dailymail.com/author/keith-griffith)

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Considerations


- Prior / Current Relationships
- Value of the Transaction
- Timeline
- Pros and Cons





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OUT THERE**

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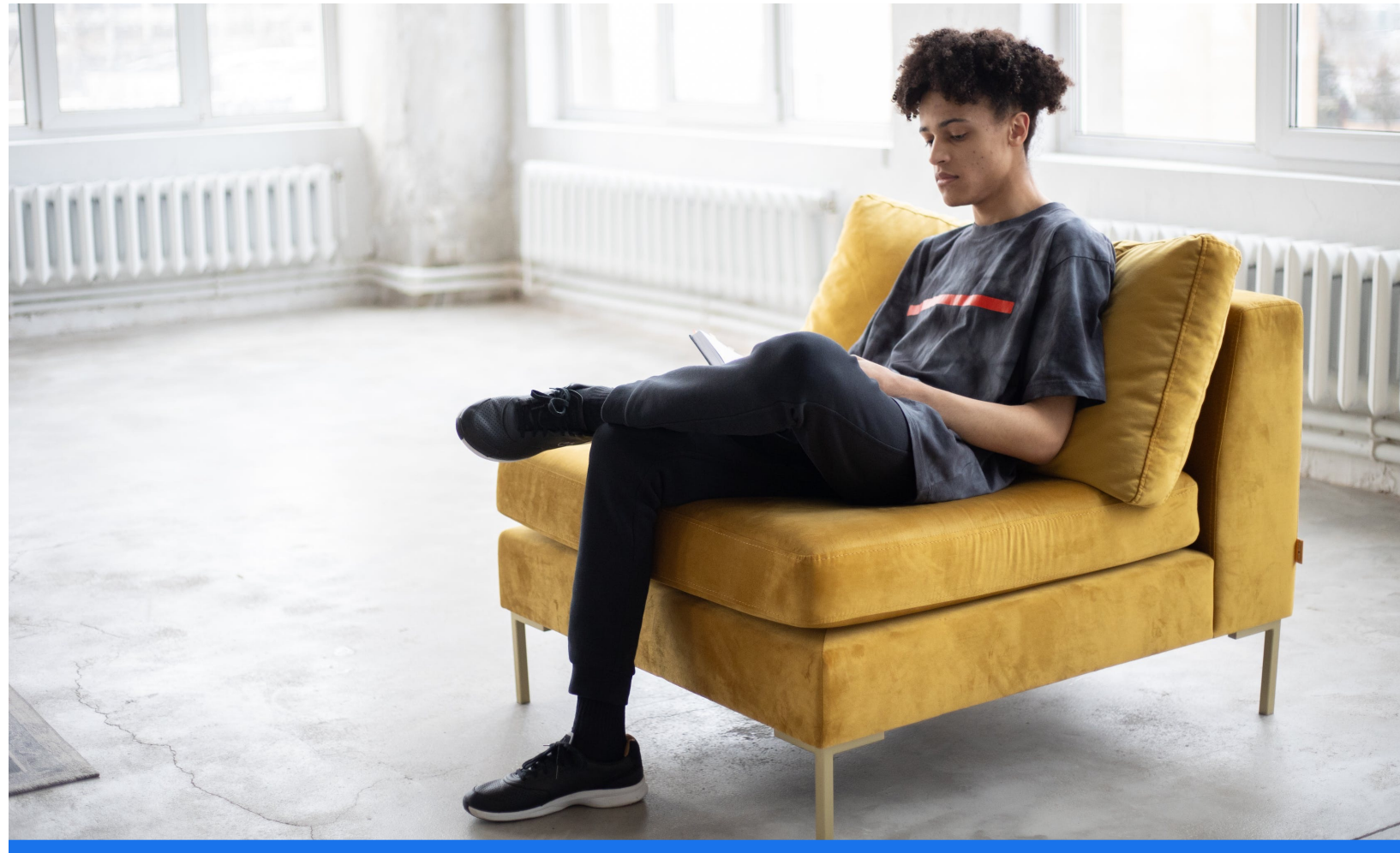


Threats to the industry

- Rental Scams
- Title Fraud
- Predatory Lending
- Straw Buyer
- Multiple Loans



Rental Fraud



Predatory Lending

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Straw Buyer

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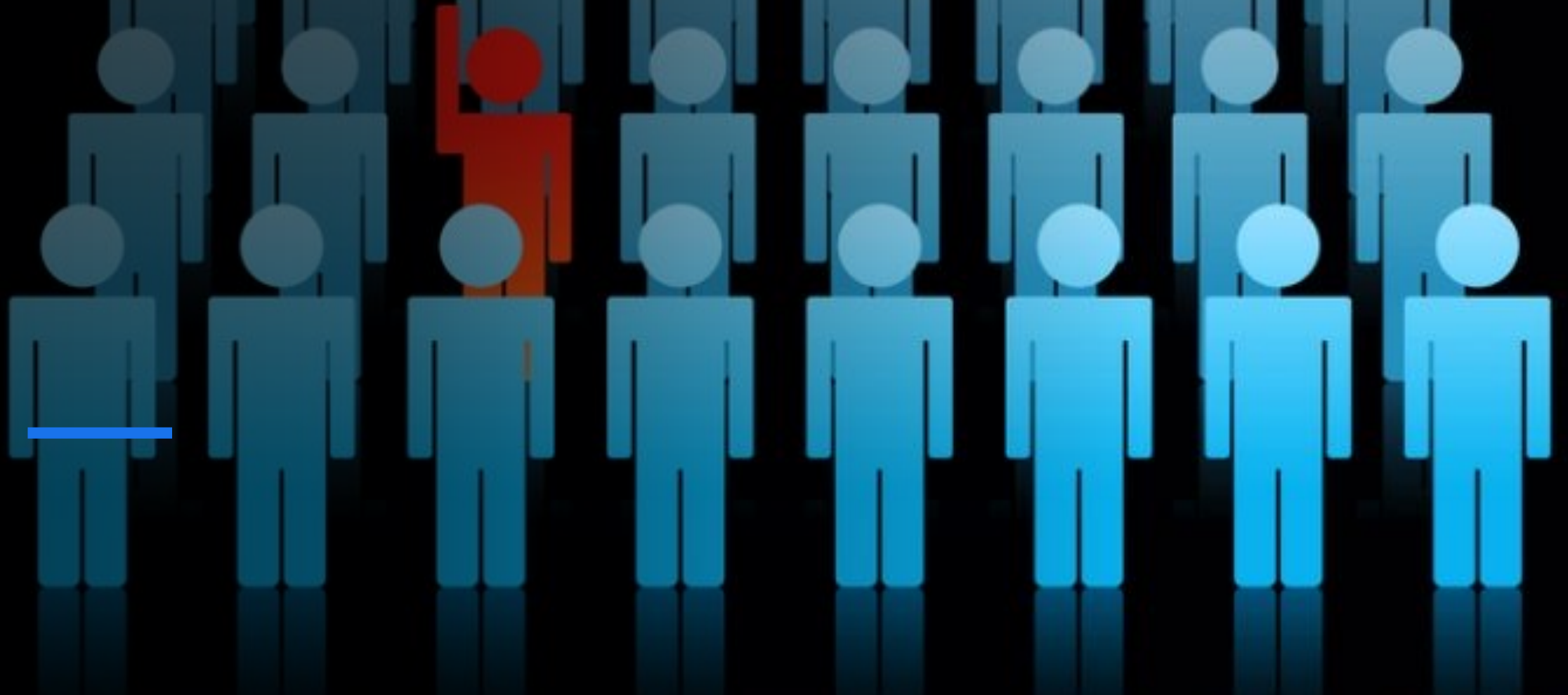
Multiple Loans





Trends we are
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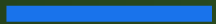
Other considerations



How can I do this myself?



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Mike Thompson

- 72 Year Old
- US Rep for California



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