

Escrow Services

Experience, Expertise and Administrative Ease

Allegiant[®]
Asset Management Company

At National City, we have managed and administered assets as a fiduciary for businesses, institutions and individuals for over 100 years. With over 45 years of combined experience, National City and the Allegiant Institutional Services team* have developed the expertise to handle your assets with the professionalism and attention to detail you expect.

Establishing an escrow account is an efficient and secure way to transfer assets between buyers and sellers. Choosing us as your Escrow Agent makes the process of establishing, maintaining and distributing the escrow a seamless one.

We commit to deliver to you:

- State of the art on-line application for in-depth reporting and
- Timely and precise transmission of securities trade instructions and settlement completion
- A dedicated staff to facilitate accurate and timely transaction processes
- Cash is automatically invested daily through our Automated Funds Management service (AFM) into an Allegiant money market mutual fund
- Safety of your assets – all assets held in trust or custody accounts are legally separate from bank assets. Since 1845, National City's distinguished heritage of strength and stability has brought peace of mind to clients like you

We serve as escrow agent for various purposes including:

- **Company Acquisitions/Dispositions:** *Hold part of sales proceeds pending verification of inventory, validation of receivables, tax and other contingencies.*
- **Indemnification Reserve:** *Retain part of sales proceeds pending completion by the parties of indemnification covenants in agreement*
- **Securities Subscriptions:** *Hold investors funds pending underwriter or issuer meeting minimum requirements of the offering. Disburse funds to issuer or return to investors.*
- **Pending Litigation Reserve:** *Retain funds in dispute until court or arbitrator makes award or until the parties agree to a settlement.*
- **Construction Retainage:** *Hold part of contractors payments until project completed and released by owner.*
- **EPA Trust (NRC Trust and Federal Highway Stand-by Trust):** *Superfund or remediation reserve for landfills, underground storage facilities, etc.*
- **1031 Like Kind Exchange:** *Provide escrow services for like kind exchanges. Disburse funds for purchase of exchanged property.*

As part of National City, Allegiant Asset Management Group* is dedicated to helping clients achieve investment success by producing strong competitive results delivered by world class teams of investment experts.

We manage assets and provide investment services for:

- Corporations
- Public Funds
- Taft-Hartley Organizations
- Foundations & Endowments

To complement your escrow services, Allegiant offers:

- A broad array of equity and fixed income investment styles
- Over 30 equity, fixed income and money market Allegiant mutual funds
- PlanWorks and PlanWorks Professional, our bundled 401(k) products
- A full range of custody services

* Allegiant Asset Management Group is comprised of Allegiant Asset Management Company, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of National City Corporation, and serves as investment advisor for Allegiant Funds; and Allegiant Institutional Services, a business unit of National City Corporation's subsidiary banks who provides recordkeeping, trustee and/or custody service.



Allegiant WebConnect – Our Technology Advantage

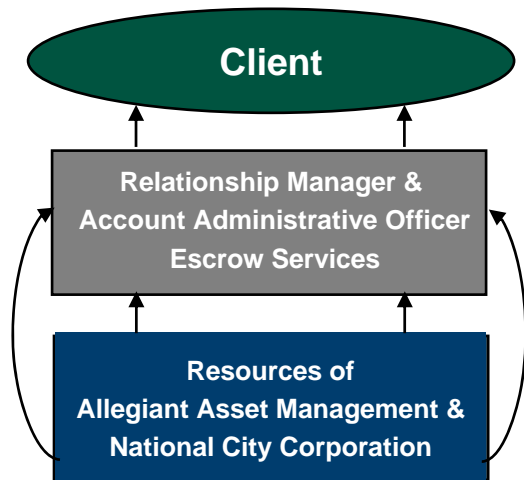
As a decision maker, you know the importance of timely, confidential account information. That's why we developed WebConnect to give you single site access to a comprehensive range of tools for in-depth reporting and analysis of transactions, assets and funds.

This powerful internet based application provides these features:

- Access to your escrow accounts in real time view of activity, either trade date or settlement date based
- Instantaneous access to historical listing of asset balances, market values, cash information, transactions and ending trades, as of holdings positions and transaction history for 18 months
- Account grouping – consolidate up to 20 accounts, allows clients to review relationships and analyze, evaluate and compare related accounts
- Fully downloadable information for reports or analysis
- On-line access to statements
- Built-in security and safety controls –clients retain complete control over access to their account information. Allegiant issues security codes and access only upon written authorization by our clients

Single-Source Client Service Model

Our client service model is designed to provide a single point of contact for all of your escrow administrative needs. Your dedicated relationship manager is experienced with administrative and investment products and is backed by teams of experts.



Our relationship management model is focused on delivering unmatched service to our clients.

24/7 Account Access

You and your team have online access to your confidential account information 24 hours per day, seven days per week, letting you work the way you want to work – more efficiently and according to your schedule.

3 Easy Steps to Establish Your Escrow Account

1. Work with your Allegiant Relationship Manager to complete and submit the appropriate documents:
 - Escrow agreement
 - W-9 tax form
 - Mutual fund disclosure
 - Authorized signers list
2. After we receive the completed forms, your escrow account will be established within 2 business days
3. We will notify you promptly with the new account number and delivery instructions for funding the escrow

Contact Us

For more information on Escrow Services, or other products and services, please call your Allegiant Relationship Manager or contact us by email at:

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