

Contract Signals Community Launches Professional Certification Focused on Risk, Trust, and Modern Contract Intelligence

Program helps legal, procurement, sales, finance, and business professionals build contract intelligence skills and a shared language for better decisions.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, UNITED STATES, August 11, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Contract Signals

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Organizations don't need more contract readers. They need interpreters. The goal is to help professionals turn contract language into information teams across an organization can understand and use.”

Olga V. Mack, CEO, TermScout

Community today announced the launch of the Contract Signals Certification, a professional education and certification program designed to help legal, procurement, sales, finance, and business professionals better understand the information contracts contain, interpret contract signals, and use those signals to make more consistent decisions across their organizations.

Contracts affect revenue, risk, purchasing, compliance, operations, and business relationships, but the teams responsible for those outcomes often evaluate contracts using different language, priorities, and assumptions. The

Contract Signals Certification provides professionals with a common framework for understanding what contract terms signal and for communicating those insights across functions.

The certification was developed in response to a growing market reality: contracts are increasingly being used as decision-support tools rather than simply legal documents. It focuses on a professional's ability to identify, interpret, and communicate contract signals. It does not certify legal expertise or replace legal judgment. It helps participants understand how contract provisions compare with market practices, recognize the business implications of those provisions, and communicate their findings to the people responsible for acting on them.

The Contract Signals Certification introduces a practical framework for interpreting what contracts reveal about Favorability, Acceptability, Acceleration, Escalation, and Friction.

Participants learn how to identify patterns that influence vendor evaluations, procurement decisions, negotiation outcomes, governance structures, and deal velocity. The certification includes 18 scenario-based lessons across five core areas, accompanying assessments, and a final quiz.

Participants who complete the program will receive:

- A certificate recognizing completion of the Contract Signals Certification.
- A digital certificate for professional profiles.
- Practical frameworks for interpreting and communicating contract signals.
- Access to selected Contract Signals Community programming and resources.

The Contract Signals Certification is an educational initiative of the Contract Signals Community. It is designed for professionals who draft, negotiate, review, approve, purchase under, sell through, or otherwise make decisions based on commercial agreements. Participants do not need to be lawyers or have formal legal training.

Through practical instruction and applied scenarios, participants will learn how to:

- Identify and interpret contract signals.
- Understand how contractual positions compare with common market practices.
- Recognize provisions that may create friction, acceleration, or escalation.
- Translate contract analysis into language that legal and business teams can use.
- Bring legal, procurement, sales, finance, and business stakeholders around a shared understanding of a contract.
- Use contract intelligence to support more consistent and informed decisions.

Participants will examine how contract signals can be identified and applied in real business settings. TermScout's Certify™ and TrustMark™ solutions are examples of how contract intelligence can be operationalized through technology, but participation in the certification program is not dependent on purchasing or using TermScout software.

TermScout's Certify™ platform analyzes agreements against its evaluation methodology and

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The Contract Signals Certification is designed to help professionals understand how contracts communicate risk, trust, friction, market position, and other signals that can influence business decisions.

market data to help organizations understand contract positions and signals. TrustMark™ communicates the results of an independent contract assessment, helping counterparties better understand an agreement before negotiations begin.

The launch comes as organizations face growing complexity in vendor relationships, AI governance, data use, procurement oversight, and operational accountability.

"Contracts are rarely the responsibility of one team. They influence legal risk, procurement decisions, sales cycles, financial outcomes, and business relationships," said Olga V. Mack, CEO of TermScout. "We created the Contract Signals Certification to help professionals understand what contracts signal, communicate those insights clearly, and unite their organizations around a shared approach to contract decisions."

The certification is part of a broader Contract Signals Community initiative that includes monthly webinars, newsletters, research, discussion forums, and practical resources focused on modern contracting. The community was established to help professionals move beyond clause-by-clause review and develop a deeper understanding of how contracts influence business outcomes.

"Contracts reveal far more than legal terms," said Mack. "They reveal how organizations allocate risk, build trust, govern relationships, and make decisions. By helping professionals certify their ability to interpret contract signals, the Contract Signals Community aims to make contract intelligence a practical organizational capability. The objective is not simply to help people read contracts more effectively. It is to help teams understand contracts consistently, communicate their implications clearly, and make decisions together."

To learn more about the Contract Signals Certification, including program content, eligibility, and upcoming enrollment dates, visit contract-signals.termscout.com/c/cs-certification.

About the Contract Signals Community

The Contract Signals Community is a professional community dedicated to helping people understand what contracts reveal about business relationships, negotiation, market practices, and organizational decision-making. The Community brings together professionals across legal, procurement, sales, finance, operations, and technology through education, certification, research, and practitioner programming.

About TermScout

TermScout is a contract intelligence company that helps organizations understand how agreements compare with market practices and what their terms signal. Through contract analysis, benchmarking, certification, and decision-ready insights, TermScout helps legal, procurement, sales, finance, and business teams develop a shared understanding of contracts and make more informed decisions. Learn more at www.termscout.com.

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