

Contacts, Legal Name and Preferred Signatures

When adding a contact to a transaction, sometimes you want the contact to have a different name than the legal name they will use in a contract and for signing. TransactionDesk has the flexibility to handle different situations.

Below is an overview and two examples of how this might be used in a transaction.

- 1. The "regular" name of a contact is First Name and last name. If you make no other changes (e.g., don't use legal name), the contact name will be used for contracts and signatures. In the example below it is "Joe Smith".
- 2. The Legal Name allows you to use a different name than the name of the contact. In this example, I know the buyer as *Joe*, but his legal name is *Joseph* Smith and he will sign using that name.
- 3. Because I entered a *Legal Name*, the *Legal Name* will be used in the forms in this transaction instead of the contact name.
- 4. If you change the name of a buyer or seller in a form, it will change the legal name in the contact and in other forms. It will not change the contact name (*Joe Smith*, in this example).
- 5. There are also fields for *Preferred Signature* and Preferred *Initials*. More on that in the next example.

Close	Edit transaction contact	Save
General	Address	?
Type *	Buyer	
Contact		
First Nam	e* Joe	
Middle Na	me	
Last Name	* Smith	
Email	tddemo@gmail.com	
Legal Narr	e Joseph Smith	
Preferred Signature	Joseph Smith ×]
Preferred Initials	JS	





Sometimes a trust or corporation is involved in a sale or purchase. The Legal Name is made to handle these situations. In the example below:

- 1. I know my contact as *Joe Smith*, so that's what's in the first and last name fields.
- 2. The seller and legal owner of the property is actually *The Smith Family Trust*, so I enter that into the *Legal Name* field and that will populate the Seller field in my forms.
- 3. Joe will be signing for the trust using his legal name, *Joseph Smith*, so that's what I've entered into the *Preferred Signature* field. That will be used when I add him to a signing in Authentisign. In some cases, in some forms, that *Preferred Signature* field will also be mapped to the name label below the signature line.

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General	Addres	55	?
Туре *		Seller	~
Contact			
First Name *		Joe	
Middle Name			
Last Name *		Smith	
Email		tddemo@gmail.com	
Legal Name		The Smith Family Trust	
Preferred Signature		Joseph Smith	
Preferred Initials		JS	

