In the Loop Episode 0 | Meet Our Hosts, Derek and Kareeme

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The state regulatory industry is constantly evolving, but is it keeping up with the demands of innovation

In this inaugural episode of In the Loop, Derek Storms and Kareeme Tucker discuss the complexities of balancing regulations with the needs of the industry. Derek Storms, a former supervisor with the Missouri Division of Finance, and Kareeme Tucker, a former examiner and Mortgage Originations Training Team Supervisor with the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks, share how they entered the regulatory field, how they manage constant changes in laws and technology, and how they approach exams as opportunities to coach and guide, but also enforce when necessary.

In this episode, you'll learn:

- How state regulators are bridging gaps to build trust
- Practical strategies for staying up-to-date with regulatory changes
- Key lessons from decades of combined regulatory experience

Things to listen for:

(00:00) Introduction

(00:57) Why Derek and Kareeme decided to start this podcast

(03:48) Rapid fire favorites: personal preferences and fun facts

(07:32) How examiners manage work-life balance in their role

(09:04) Staying current on evolving rules and regulations

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(17:31) Common misconceptions about examiners and regulators

(19:03) What examiners actually do on a day-to-day basis

(20:47) The difference between auditors and examiners – A funny story

(21:40) Most rewarding moments from working as a regulator

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Resources

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