THE PROCESS OF BUYING REAL ESATE IN FLORIDA

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1) FINDING A PROPERTY

- a) Primary Residence; Second Home; Investment Property
- b) Working with a Real Estate Agent

2) ENTERING INTO A PURCHASE CONTRACT

- a) Property Included (Real Property, Furniture, Fixtures, Appliances)
- b) Purchase Price
- c) Financing or Cash
- d) Deposit and Escrow Agent
- e) Closing Date
- f) "As-Is" vs. "Right to Inspect"

3) CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS, SECURING FINANCING & REVIEWING TITLE

- a) Property, Mold & Termite Inspections
- b) Financing Commitment Letter
- c) Appraisal
- d) Title Commitment
- e) Survey

4) SELECTING A METHOD TO TAKE TITLE

- a) Individually
- b) Husband & Wife
- c) Limited Liability Company or Corporation
- d) Implications for Foreigners

5) UNDERSTANDING THE COSTS

- a) Title Insurance Premium
- b) Real Estate Taxes
- c) Condo and HOA Assessments
- d) Documentary Stamps
- e) Brokerage Commissions
- f) Lender Fees
- g) Homeowners Insurance

6) THE CLOSING

- a) The Walk Through
- b) Exchange of Documents (Deed, Bill of Sale, Note, Mortgage, Closing Statement)
- c) Disbursement of Closing Funds
- d) Exchange of Keys, Garage Openers, and Access Cards