

50 COMMON TITLE PROBLEMS

THIS IS WHY YOU NEED TITLE INSURANCE

- 1) Forged deeds, mortgages, satisfactions, or releases of mortgages and other instruments.
- 2) False impersonation of the true owner of the land or of his consort.
- 3) Instruments executed under fabricated or expired power of attorney.
- 4) Deeds apparently valid but actually delivered after death of grantor or grantee, or without the consent of the grantor.
- 5) Deeds by persons of unsound mind.
- 6) Deeds by minors. Minors may not enter into legal contracts, and thus a deed granted by a minor is not valid.
- 7) Deeds not properly delivered or accepted by buyer are not valid.
- 8) Deeds which appear to convey title but are really mortgages.
- 9) Outstanding prescriptive rights not of record and not disclosed by survey.
- 10) Descriptions apparently but not actually adequate.
- 11) Duress in execution of instruments.
- 12) Defective acknowledgment due to lack of authority of notary.
- 13) Deed of property recited to be separate property of grantor but which is in fact community or joint property.
- 14) Deeds by persons apparently single but actually married.
- 15) Deed from bigamous couple -- prior existing marriage in another jurisdiction.
- 16) Undisclosed divorce of spouse who conveys as sole heir of deceased consort.
- 17) Undisclosed heirs, either legitimate or illegitimate, may have rights to the property.
- 18) Misinterpretation of wills, deeds, and other instruments.
- 19) Birth or adoption of children after date of will.
- 20) Children living at date of will but not mentioned therein.
- 21) Discovery of will of apparent intestate.
- 22) Discovery of later will after probate of first will.
- 23) Administration of estates and probate of wills of persons absent but not deceased.
- 24) Conveyance by heir, devisee, or survivor of a joint estate who murdered the decedent.
- 25) Deed from trustees of purported business trust that is in fact a partnership or joint stock association.
- 26) Deed of executor under nonintervention will when order of solvency has been fraudulently procured or entered.
- 27) Deeds to or from corporations before incorporation or after surrender or forfeiture of charter.
- 28) Claims of creditors against property conveyed by heirs or devisees within prescribed period after owner's death.
- 29) Mistakes in recording legal documents.
- 30) Recorded easement, but erroneous actual location of pipe or sewer line, which does not follow route of granted easement.
- 31) Special assessments that become a lien upon passage of resolution, before recordation or commencement of improvements for which assessed.
- 32) Want of jurisdiction of persons in judicial proceedings.
- 33) Failure to include necessary parties in judicial proceedings.
- 34) Federal estate and gift tax liens.
- 35) State inheritance and gift tax liens take precedence over other creditors excepting the federal government.
- 36) Errors in tax records.
- 37) Ineffective waiver of tax liens by tax or other governing authorities repudiated later by successors.
- 38) Corporation franchise taxes as lien on all corporate assets, notice of which does not have to be recorded in the local recording office.
- 39) Erroneous reports furnished by tax officials but not binding on municipality.
- 40) Tax homestead exemptions set aside as fraudulently claimed.
- 41) Lack of capacity of foreign personal representatives and trustees to act.
- 42) Deeds from nonexistent entities.
- 43) Interests arising by deeds to fictitious characters to conceal illegal activities on the premises.
- 44) Deeds in lieu of foreclosure set aside as being given under duress.
- 45) Ultra vires deed given under falsified corporate resolution.
- 46) Conveyances and proceedings affecting rights of service members protected by Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.
- 47) Federal condemnation without filing of notice.
- 48) Break in chain of title beyond period of examination of public records where running of adverse possession statute has been suspended.
- 49) Deed from record owner of land where he has sold property to another purchaser on unrecorded land contract and purchaser has taken possession of premises.
- 50) Void conveyances in violation of public policy.

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