Real Estate Contracts 2016

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Basic Contract Law

Creation of a Contract

Basic types of Contracts:

- Express
 - Written or oral contracts in which the parties have reached specific agreement Implied

Agreements obtained verbally or by actions. May be enforceable under certain circumstances.

Parol Evidence Rule

• Evidence of written agreements generally take precedence over verbal agreements.

Statute of Frauds:

- Contracts for the Sale of Real Property must be in writing to be enforceable
- Signature/Initials to contract to evidence assent to its terms and conditions

Basic Contract Law

Essential Contract Flements

Parties:

- Requires parties to be competent
- Over 18 years of age
- Not otherwise adjudicated unfit or incompetent
- Note: Estates, LLCs, Trusts, Partnerships, Powers of Attorney
 - Ensure that the parties are authorized to act
 - Big issue with lender servicing companies

Basic Contract Law

Essential Contract Elements

Offer and Acceptance:

- •Contract must evidence a "meeting of the minds"
 - Must show agreement to all material terms of the contract

Basic Contract Law Essential Contract Elements

Consideration:

 Must contain evidence of consideration---usually monetary

Basic Contract Law Essential Contract Elements

Description:

- Must have agreement as to the object of the contract
- Especially important in real estate that the property in question is clearly stated
 - •Vacant lots included? Personal Property? Vested Rights?

Basic Contract Law Essential Contract Elements

Potential Defenses to contract:

- Illegal purpose or object
- Duress (force or threat of force)
- Undue Influence (drugs/alcohol/dependency/trust)
- Mistake, Misrepresentation or Fraud

Basic Contract Law Essential Contract Elements

Contracts meeting the essential elements

- Valid Contracts
- Contracts not meeting essential elements may be void or unenforceable
- Contracts may be voidable
 - Contingencies

Themes for the 2015 & 2016 revisions

Move from a checklist/educational document to more contract base

more streamlined contract with less addenda mold contract to standard practices • IMPORTANT TO CHECK VERSIONS

Goodbye to the regional contract

Jurisdictional Addendum merged into contract (paragraph 2 deleted)

Why Change?

- * Jurisdictional Cooperation Not Working
- * Reduce Length of Contract
- * Reduce Confusion
- * Reduce Liability

January 2016 Changes to Regional Sales Contract

REMOVE "BUYER BROKER"

- NEW TERM: "COOPERATING BROKER"
 - INCLUDES INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AS WELL AS BUYER BROKERS
 - CHANGE MADE THROUGHOUT THE CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Supplemental Changes to Regional Contract July 2015

Fuel Tanks

- Paragraph 13, P. 8 of 16
- Addresses Fuel Tanks in the PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FIXTURES section of the contract (formerly ADJUSTMENTS ---paragraph 26)
 - Must state whether the Fuel Tanks are OWNED or LEASED
 - Clarifies that Fuel remaining at settlement (consummation) becomes property of PURCHASER (unless otherwise agreed).

Supplemental Changes to Regional Contract July 2015

Alternative Financing

- Paragraph 15 (page 8 of 16)
- Defines "Alternative Financing" as:
 - Any change to the financing terms provided in the PRICE AND SPECIFIED FINANCING (Paragraph 2, page 1), including
 - Down Payment Amount
 - Amount Financed
 - Loan program or type

Supplemental Changes to Regional Contract July 2015

ALTERNATIVE FINANCING

BUYER WILL LOSE PROTECTION OF FINANCING CONTINGENCY **UNLESS**

• PARTIES EXECUTE A NEW FINANCING ADDENDUM

Supplemental Changes to Regional Contract July 2015

Alternative Financing

- Paragraph 15, page 8
- MAY SUBSTITUTE ALTERNATIVE <u>LENDER</u> FOR THE SPECIFIED FINANCING <u>IF:</u>
 - NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO SELLER
 - SETTLEMENT DATE IS NOT DELAYED
 - IF BUYER FAILS TO SETTLE, DEFAULT PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT WILL APPLY **UNLESS** SELLER IS IN DEFAULT

Supplemental Changes to Regional Contract July 2015

TITLE

Paragraph 21, page 9

CLARIFIES THAT, IN EVENT TITLE IS NOT GOOD AND MARKETABLE AT SETTLEMENT, BUYER MAY "PURSUE ALL AVAILABLE LEGAL AND EQUITABLE REMEDIES"

Supplemental Changes to Regional Contract 2016

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Paragraph 36, page 14

REACTION TO CFPB REGULATIONS

Clarifies: if contract is contingent on Financing

- If Consummation is delayed by lender's regulatory obligations
- Buyer is not in default
- HOWEVER, SELLER has the right to declare the contract void.

"COFfer date" AND "CONTRACT DATE" REMOVE "CONTRACT DATE" "DELIVERY" OF ACCEPTANCE 2009 Version This SALES CONTRACT ("Contract") is made on ("Purchaser") and ("Seller") who, among other things, hereby confirm and acknowledge by their initials and signatures herein that by prior disclosure in this real estate transaction 26. DEFINITION. E. "Date of Ratification" means the date of final acceptance in writing by Purchaser and Seller, of all the terms of this Contract (not the date of expiration or removal of any contingencies). 32. DEFINITIONS. A. "Date of Ratification" means the date of Delivery of the final acceptance in writing by Purchaser and Seller of all the terms of this Contract to the date of the expiration or removal of any contingencies).

Price and Financing $(\P 2)$

		OPTION FOR % OF	SALES PRICE		
2009 Version	Paragraph 2	2015 Version	Paragraph 2		
2. PRICE AND SPECIFIED FINANCING		2. PRICE AND SPECIFIED FINANCING Any % at	re Percentages of Sales Price		
A. Down Payment		A. Down Payment		\$	or %
\$		B. Financing 1. First Trust (if applicable)	\$	or %	
B. Financing 1. First Trust (if applicable)	\$	2. Second Trust	(if applicable) \$	or %	
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3. Seller Held Trust	\$	Addendum attached (if a	applicable)		
Addendum attached (if applicable		TOTAL FINANCING	TOTAL FINANCING		or %
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SALES PRICE	\$	SALES PRICE		\$	

Specified and alternate financing ¶¶ 2 & 15

Note: ¶2 is titled PRICE AND SPECIFIED FINANCING (2009 version was titled Price and Financing)

15. Alternate Financing Purchaser may substitute alternative financing and/or an alternative lender for Specified Financing provided: (a) Purchaser is qualified for alternative financing; (b) there is no additional expense to Seller; (c) Settlement Date is not delayed; and (d) if purchaser fails to settle, except due to any default by Seller, then the provisions of the DEFAULT paragraph shall apply.

Note: according to the Forms Committee: Purchaser may substitute within Specified Financing; however, an addendum would be required to switch to a DIFFERENT type of financing (e.g. conv. To fha). Language is same as ¶12 in 2009 version.

Earnest money deposit ¶3

3. Deposit Purchaser's deposit ("Deposit") in the amount of _____ shall be held by _____ ("Escrow Agent"). Purchaser □ has delivered OR □ will deliver the Deposit by ____ days after Date of Ratification.

Makes clear when performance expected

Conforms to 2008 statutory change requiring broker to disclose lack of deposit

Conforms to common practice

Delivery ¶6 (FORMERLY ¶1 Va. Juris. Add.)

Attempt to simplify delivery paragraph

Removes "courtesy copy" provisions

Lines for Seller and for Purchaser to list any and all acceptable means of delivery

Note: agent contact info may be placed in those sections as contact

Property ass'n and condo delivery ¶¶ 8 & 9 (formerly ¶¶ 7 & 8 Va. Juris. Add.)

Per statute: seller determines method of delivery

Language changed to reflect that seller may deliver disclosure packet in a form of their choosing

Purchaser lists their "preferred" delivery method

Change to conform the contract to the statute

Access to property ¶ 11

(¶ 8 in 2009 contract)

11. ACCESS TO PROPERTY Seller will provide Broker, Purchaser, inspectors representing Purchaser, and representatives of lending institutions for Appraisal Purposes reasonable access to the Property to comply with this Contract. In addition, Purchaser and/or Purchaser's representative will have the right to make walk-through inspection(s) within 7 days prior to Settlement and/or occupancy, unless otherwise agreed to by Purchaser and Seller.

- Permits Multiple Inspections if necessary
- Increases the time for Walk Through inspections from 5 to 7 if needed
- Some interpreted prior contract to permit only 1 inspection---even if needed to check on repairs

Wood Destroying insects ¶ 19

(formerly ¶ 14 in 2009 version)

Changed title from TERMITE INSPECTION to WOOD-DESTROYING INSECT INSPECTION

- Reflects common practice
- Reflects lender requirements



MAJOR CHANGE

If Title is not good and marketable on the settlement date, PURCHASER has the option to (a) declare the contract void in writing or (b) mutually agree to extend Settlement Date under terms acceptable to both parties.

2009 contract gave Seller 30 days to correct a title defect

PRACTICE TIP: LISTING AGENT SHOULD ENSURE THAT PURCHASER USES A REPUTABLE LOCAL TITLE AGENT AND THAT TITLE IS ORDERED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RATIFICATION OF THE CONTRACT

TITLE INSURANCE ¶ 30 G (OTHER DISCLOSURES)

(NEW PROVISION)

Discloses the availability of owner's title insurance Availability of "Standard" and "Enhanced" policies Policies are optional

Directs that Lenders Quote insurance at Enhanced Rates Added to comply with regulations from CFPB

ADJUSTMENTS ¶26

Unless agreed to in writing, any heating or cooking fuels remaining in supply tank(s) at Settlement will become the property of the Purchaser.

- Removes "unless leased" language----created confusion
- Practice tip: seller should always disclose leased tank.
 Advise seller to cancel any scheduled refills prior to settlement (unless tank needed). Make sure tank has sufficient fuel for walk-through.

	RELEASE OF SALES CONTRACT AND DEPOSIT		
	This release of sales contract and deposit ("Release") as of		
	and("Seller") through		
	("Selling Company") and ("Selling Company") provides as follows:		
	By a sales contract ratified on ("Contract"), Purchaser agree		
	purchase and Seller agreed to sell the Property:		
Release of sales	 Seller and Purchaser wish to terminate entirely all of their respective rights and obligation activities under Contract. Now, therefore, the parties to this Release agree as follows: 		
Release of Sales	Seller and Purchaser mutually terminate estirely all of their respective rights and bullentials arising under Contract. Seller and Purchaser mutually release and fully discharge such other from an and all plains.		
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	NOTICE VOIDING CONTRACT
	This Notice Voiding Contract is given on, in accordance with the sales contract ("Contract") ratified on, between ("Purchaser") and
	("Seller") for the purchase and sale of the Property:
	The undersigned party ("Notifying Party") hereby gives this written Notice Voidin Contract [select one]: □ Selier OR. □ Purchaser ("Notified Party") as follows:
	Notifying Party hereby declares the Contract vold as permitted pursuant to paragraph of the Contract OR paragraph of Application.
	Important information regarding this Notice:
	 To be effective, Notifying Party must Deliver this Notices. Notified Party or their authorized agent pursuant to the DELIVERY paragraph of the Contract.
	2. This Notice is not a substitute for a release, nor do not authorize the disbursement of any carnest money deposit regarding the Contract. In order the parties to be released from any and all responsibility or liability under the Contract separate release must be executed. A release or other written authorization must be contract and the property of the parties to disburse Deposit under the Contract.
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Sales Contract and Deposit Form	 Notifying Party's termina on heapader is not a waiver of any right or remedy under the Contract. This termination appear election or limitation of Notifying Party's right to rely on any other right of righedy provided by the Contract and/or applicable law.
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	Fireplace Screen/Door Freezer	□ □ □ Wall Oven / □ □ □ Water Treetment System	Shades and/or Blinds Smoke & Heat Detectors
	□ □ □ Farnace Humidifier	□ □ □ Window A/C Unit	D D D Sump Pump
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FINANCING Mortgage rates of a modated charges vary with financial institutions and the marketplace. Purchasers had the apportunity to select the lender and to negotiate terms and conditions of the loan. Such the samety be subject to seller's approval and lender's requirements. Borrowers also will bage increase of the samety of the samet

INSURANCE The lender may require purchasers to buy a hazard insurance policy from the insurance contract the first that the property of the lender's approval. Purchaser should be aware that many ficus, there the availability and cost of hazard insurance on the premises. Depending on the insurance company, these factors may include past insurance claims filled on the premises, past maturate claims filled by purchaser, and purchaser's credit history. In addition, flood insurance contract the property of the property purchaser should contact an insurance agent at the earlier approrumity to arrange for hazard insurance and, if necessary, flood insurance on the property.

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	CONVENTIONAL FINANCING ADDENDUM
	This Addendum is made on, to a sales contract offer ("Contract") dated ("Purchaser") and ("Seller") for the purchase and sale of the Property:
fha & va financing	1. DEED(S) OF TRUST Purchaser shall pay upfront and/or monthly mortgage insurance premiuncias required by lender guidelines. 2. FINANCING CONTINGENCY A. This Contract is contingent until 9 p.m