



# ORT Florida Web Site Update

■ Linda M. Hernandez, Florida State Underwriter

We are happy to report that our Old Republic National Title Florida web site, [www.ortfl.com](http://www.ortfl.com), now offers its users direct links to several web sites of importance to the title agent.

Protect your escrow account and insure that the cashier's checks tendered to you constitute "good funds" by checking the FDIC's Special Alerts regarding *counterfeit and missing cashier's checks*. Now, from our web site you can connect directly to the FDIC's Special Alerts Library through:

[www.fdic.gov/news/news/SpecialAlert/2004/index.html](http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/SpecialAlert/2004/index.html)

If you decide you want a *subscription* to receive these FDIC Special Alert emails as they are issued, you can register through our direct web site access to:

[www.fdic.gov/news/announcements/index/html](http://www.fdic.gov/news/announcements/index/html)

In the event you want to verify your *continuing education hours* through the Florida Department of Financial Services, Insurance Division, you can now have direct access to that information through our web site link to:

[www.fldfs.com/Agents](http://www.fldfs.com/Agents)

CLICK ON: "Agent Education Database" and LOGIN by using your SSN and Date of Birth.

Executive Order 13224, signed by President Bush shortly after the September 11 attacks, freezes property and prohibits transactions with terrorists or parties that support terrorism. To further reinforce this commitment, the U. S. Patriot Act was passed mandating that "financial services organizations," which appears to include title insurance agents and real estate attorneys, implement procedures for matching client's

names against a "*Special Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons*" (SDN) list.

The SDN list is continuously updated by the offices of the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State and Attorney General, and is monitored by the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) in an effort to identify transactions or dealings in the United States by persons blocked pursuant to the Order.

In order to comply with the mandates of the Order and subsequent Act, you can now access the SDN list directly through our web site link to:

[www.treas.gov/offices/eotffc/ofac/sdn/index.html](http://www.treas.gov/offices/eotffc/ofac/sdn/index.html)

or by calling the OFAC HOTLINE @ 800-540-6322. Should you encounter a transaction involving suspected names or persons on the list, you should contact the OFAC for further instructions at:

Office of Foreign Asset Control  
U. S. Department of Treasury  
Washington, DC 20210  
HOTLINE: 800-540-6322  
Fax: 202-622-1657

## Florida Links

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[FDIC Special Alerts-Counterfeit & Missing Checks](#)  
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[Check your Continuing Ed hours \(LOGIN by using SSN & DOB\)](#)

[Mortgage Rates](#) [www.hsh.com](http://www.hsh.com)

## A N N O U N C E M E N T

Old Republic National Title Insurance Company is very pleased to announce that Jeanne F. Murphy, Esq. has joined the company as Florida underwriting counsel and will be located in our Tampa office. Jeanne comes to us with a wealth of title insurance experience. She has served as retained underwriting counsel for two difference underwriters and has a strong transactional background, both residential and commercial. Additionally, she has handled numerous title insurance claims as a retained counsel. She comes to us from the firm of Awerbach, Murphy & Cohn, P.A. where she has been a shareholder for about 7 years.

Jeanne is a graduate of Stetson University College of Law where she received her JD *Cum Laude*. Prior to that, she received her MBA from the University of South Florida after earning her undergraduate degree at Florida Southern College.

I know you will all welcome Jeanne to Old Republic Title. She is looking forward to working with each of you.

Scott Pierce  
Senior Vice President