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COMMENTS

MARRIED WOMEN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENTS IN FLORIDA

Many Florida practitioners today are reluctant to give up the time-honored custom of taking the wife and a notary into a separate room, apart from the husband, in order to obtain her acknowledgment to a conveyance of real property "free from his coercion or undue influence," despite the enactment of a statute in 1943 abolishing the necessity for such separate acknowledgments.¹

¹ Sec. 693.03, Fla. Stat. 1941, Laws 1943, c. 21746, par. 1: "The acknowledgment by a married woman of deeds, conveyances, mortgages, relinquishments of dower, contracts for the sale of lands, powers of attorney and other instruments shall be necessary to entitle any such instrument to be recorded, but no private examination separate from the husband of such married woman shall be necessary for any purpose, and the acknowledgment of such instrument by a married woman shall not constitute any part of the execution of any such instrument. Any form