RESEARCH RESOURCES FOR FINDING PROPERTY OWNERS, TENANTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

Who Owns the Property?

- <u>Florida Association of Property Appraisers</u> or search the specific county property appraiser's website. But don't stop there! These websites often have a lag between the date the property changes hands (deed is recorded with the County Clerk) and when that information shows up on the Property Appraiser's website.
- <u>Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers</u> or a search of the specific county Clerk of Court's records can show you the latest deeds (by person, entity) recorded, mortgage or liens, long-term leases and deaths. Always a good place to look.
- FDEP's <u>OCULUS</u> documents, if recent, can be helpful, otherwise think of it as a historical reference.

How to find the Owner?

Businesses, corporations or LLCs:

- <u>Sunbiz.org</u> Business names, limited liability corporations, and corporations must be registered to conduct business in Florida and such registration must include a mailing address, phone number, names and addresses of directors and a registered agent in Florida. You can search by director name or entity name.
- <u>Florida Lobbyist</u> This provides lobbyist information by name of lobbyist and by the entity that hired the lobbyist (or is lobbying).
- https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business operations/state purchasing/myfloridamarketpla ce If this entity sells any goods or services to the state, they are registered here with DMS.
- <u>Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation</u> If the entity must be licensed by the State, then they will be listed here (CPAs, Condos, barbers, PGs, PEs, Real Estate Agents).
- <u>FDEP</u> If the entity is regulated by FDEP or receives a permit from FDEP there are a variety of online resources to search. The local district FDEP Office can often be helpful here (or delegated county).
- Search the internet for the name of the company and find its website.

Individuals

- Any of the above links can also be ways to find individuals.
- Neighbors, friends, local realtors (look for realtor signs that may be up) and known associates.