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## Educational use

This workbook is an educational planning tool designed to help organize documents, deadlines, questions, discussions, and information. It is not legal, tax, accounting, financial, or investment advice and should not replace guidance from licensed professionals.

Our role is to help people understand complicated residential property situations, simplify the process, coordinate experienced professionals when appropriate, and help families move forward with greater clarity and confidence—not replace the advice of licensed professionals.

Complex residential property situations often require several professionals working together. Depending on the circumstances, Viera Investment Group LLC may help coordinate the property-related process with experienced attorneys, title companies, loan servicers, lenders, estate professionals, municipal offices, contractors, Realtors®, accountants, financial professionals, and other licensed specialists.

# Welcome

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When several people inherit an interest in one New Jersey property, a family decision can quickly become an ownership, expense, communication, and timing problem. This workbook creates one shared record of the facts and the next steps.

Use it to identify heirs and decision-makers, organize professional contacts, document discussions, track property costs, compare sale and retention options, assign responsibilities, and turn unresolved questions into a written action plan.

## Who this workbook is for

- Heirs or beneficiaries sharing an inherited New Jersey house, condominium, multifamily property, or land.
- An executor or administrator coordinating property information with several family members.
- A family member handling access, bills, maintenance, records, or professional appointments.
- An attorney, title, tax, estate, or real estate professional using a structured family organizer.

## Use this first

- Record the current deed, estate authority, and known ownership interests before discussing outcomes.
- Choose one communication coordinator and one property coordinator when the family agrees.
- Use written updates, receipts, meeting notes, and decision deadlines instead of relying on memory.
- Confirm legal authority, title, tax, buyout, partition, and sale questions with qualified professionals.

# How to Use This Workbook

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Work through the pages in sequence, then return to the trackers whenever ownership facts, expenses, proposals, or deadlines change.

## Recommended order

- Create the ownership and authority snapshot.
- List all heirs, contacts, communication preferences, and decision roles.
- Document the property's condition, occupancy, bills, risks, and monthly carrying costs.
- Hold a structured family discussion and record each option without forcing an immediate vote.
- Compare keep, buyout, transfer, and sale scenarios using verified numbers and professional guidance.
- Assign responsibilities, set deadlines, and write the next 30-day action plan.

## What to leave blank

- Leave ownership percentages blank until supported by the deed, will, court documents, or legal advice.
- Leave net proceeds, tax effects, buyout amounts, and distribution shares blank until verified.
- Leave legal conclusions about authority, partition, occupancy rights, or required consent blank until reviewed.

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# Ownership and Authority Snapshot

Start with documents and verified facts. Being named in a will, living in the property, paying expenses, or holding keys does not by itself answer every ownership or decision-authority question.

## Checklist

- Obtain the current deed and note every person or entity named on title.
- Locate the will, trust, Letters Testamentary or Administration, and relevant court orders.
- Confirm whether the estate still owns the property or a deed has transferred it to heirs.
- Identify any surviving spouse, life estate, trust interest, occupancy agreement, or recorded lien.
- Record the attorney's explanation of who may sign, consent, negotiate, list, refinance, or transfer.
- Keep copies of the documents supporting each stated ownership share or authority role.

PROPERTY ADDRESS

COUNTY

CURRENT DEED DATE

ESTATE / DOCKET REFERENCE

EXECUTOR / ADMINISTRATOR

AUTHORITY DOCUMENT DATE

TITLE STATUS CONFIRMED BY

NEXT TITLE QUESTION

OWNERSHIP AND AUTHORITY NOTES

PEOPLE

# Heir and Stakeholder Directory

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List everyone who may need notice, information, consent, or professional coordination. Do not assume that family relationships establish legal ownership.

Name	Role / claimed interest	Phone / email	Preferred contact	Status / notes

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# Decision-Maker and Consent Map

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Separate legal authority from practical responsibility. Record who decides, who signs, who receives updates, and which questions still require attorney or title review.

Decision or task	Authorized person(s)	Consent needed	Evidence / source	Open question
Access and security				
Routine bills				
Repairs / contractors				
Insurance changes				
Appraisal / valuation				
Listing or direct sale				
Buyout or refinance				
Contract / deed signing				

# Property Facts and Condition

Create one shared description of the property before debating what to do with it. Attach photographs, inspection notes, estimates, and municipal notices when available.

PROPERTY TYPE	CURRENT OCCUPANCY
KEYS HELD BY	INSURANCE STATUS
MORTGAGE / LOAN STATUS	PROPERTY TAX STATUS
WATER / SEWER STATUS	KNOWN MUNICIPAL ISSUE

Area / system	Known condition	Urgency	Estimate / source	Next step
Roof / exterior				
Heating / cooling				
Plumbing / electric				
Interior / contents				
Security / vacancy				
Code / permit issues				



ONGOING COSTS

# Monthly Carrying Cost Tracker

Use verified bills to estimate the monthly cost of delaying a decision. Add reserves for irregular expenses and urgent property work.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY TOTAL

CASH CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

MONTHS OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

NEXT FUNDING DECISION DATE

Cost	Monthly amount	Due date	Account / contact	Responsible person	Status
Mortgage / loan					
Property taxes					
Insurance					
Water / sewer					
Electric / gas					
Maintenance / lawn					
Association fees					
Security / vacancy					
Other / reserve					

# Family Communication Log

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Use factual written summaries after calls and meetings. Record proposals as proposals until the authorized people approve them.

Date	People included	Method	Facts / proposal discussed	Response / follow-up	Owner

# Family Discussion Worksheet

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Use a neutral agenda. Let each participant state goals and concerns before comparing solutions or asking for commitments.

MEETING DATE

FACILITATOR

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PARTICIPANTS

DECISION DEADLINE

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VERIFIED FACTS EVERYONE IS USING

EACH HEIR'S PREFERRED OUTCOME AND TIMING

CONCERNS, CONSTRAINTS, AND QUESTIONS REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL REVIEW

POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND ISSUES STILL UNRESOLVED

# Keep, Buyout, or Transfer Review

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A retention plan needs funding, management, written expectations, and a legally workable transfer. Compare the practical obligations before treating 'keep it in the family' as a complete plan.

Question	Keep jointly	One heir buys out	Transfer / other
Who owns and signs?			
How is value established?			
How is financing obtained?			
Who pays current costs?			
Who occupies or manages?			
How are repairs approved?			
What agreement is needed?			
What is the exit plan?			

# Sale Option Review

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Compare sale paths using realistic timing, condition, access, authority, title, repair, and carrying-cost facts. A higher price estimate is not the same as higher verified net proceeds.

Sale factor	As-is / direct	Prepared / listed	Information needed
Estimated price range			
Repairs / cleanout			
Time to closing			
Carrying costs			
Commissions / fees			
Access / showings			
Title / consent risk			
Estimated net proceeds			

ACCOUNTABILITY

# Responsibility Assignment Plan

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Assign one owner and a due date for each task. Authority to perform a task should be confirmed when it involves contracts, money, property access, or legal rights.

Task	Primary owner	Backup / approver	Due date	Status / proof
Secure documents				
Property inspections				
Bills and ledger				
Insurance contact				
Attorney / title contact				
Valuation / estimates				
Family updates				
Sale / buyout research				
Contents / cleanout				

# Attorney, Executor, and Professional Contacts

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Keep professional advice and instructions in one place. Note who represents the estate, an individual heir, or another party; those roles are not interchangeable.

Name / office	Role / represents	Phone / email	Last contact	Next question
Executor / administrator				
Estate attorney				
Heir's attorney				
County Surrogate				
Title company				
Tax professional				
Mortgage servicer				
Insurance agent				
Valuation / real estate contact				

# Decision Timeline and Deadline Tracker

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Record confirmed deadlines and family target dates separately. A preferred decision date should not be confused with a court, tax, mortgage, insurance, or contract deadline.

Date	Deadline / milestone	Source	Responsible person	Status / next step
	Probate / authority step			
	Mortgage / loan deadline			
	Tax / municipal deadline			
	Insurance requirement			
	Inspection / estimate			
	Family discussion			
	Buyout funding decision			
	Sale path decision			
	Contract / closing target			

NEXT STEPS

# 30-Day Family Action Plan

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Turn discussion into dated assignments. Review the plan weekly and revise it when verified facts or professional advice change.

CURRENT WORKING OPTION

NEXT FAMILY UPDATE

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DECISION DATE

ESCALATION / PROFESSIONAL REVIEW DATE

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Priority action	Owner	Due date	Proof / deliverable	Status

# Common Multi-Heir Mistakes

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These issues commonly increase cost, conflict, delay, and property risk.

## Checklist

- Assuming family status, possession, expense payments, or a will automatically proves current title or authority.
- Letting one person make undocumented decisions for everyone without confirmed authority or consent.
- Using group texts as the only record of proposals, approvals, expenses, or deadlines.
- Ignoring mortgage, taxes, insurance, utilities, vacancy, code, security, or maintenance while the family debates.
- Allowing one heir to occupy, remove contents, rent, repair, or control access without written expectations.
- Comparing gross price estimates instead of realistic net proceeds, time, costs, and risk.
- Promising reimbursements, buyout amounts, or distribution shares before records and professional review are complete.
- Threatening a forced sale or signing an agreement before obtaining individual legal advice when conflict is serious.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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These answers are general planning guidance. Ownership documents, estate status, family agreements, and professional advice can change the correct next step.

## **Does every heir have to agree before the property can be sold?**

- The answer depends on current title, estate authority, the will or trust, court orders, and the type of transaction. Confirm signing and consent requirements with the estate attorney and title professional.

## **Can one heir live in the property while everyone decides?**

- The family should document access, costs, insurance, maintenance, duration, and whether any occupancy payment or credit is expected. Legal rights and estate duties should be reviewed.

## **How should expenses paid by one heir be handled?**

- Keep receipts and a complete ledger. Do not assume reimbursement, priority, interest, or a change in ownership share without authority and professional guidance.

## **What if the heirs cannot agree?**

- Use verified facts, written proposals, a meeting agenda, appraisals or valuations, and attorney guidance. Mediation, negotiated buyout, sale, or court proceedings may be discussed depending on the facts.

REFERENCE

# Official New Jersey Resources

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Use official sources for probate, property tax, and public-office information. Save confirmation pages that affect authority, a filing, or a deadline.

Official resource	Printed URL
New Jersey Courts - Probate Self-Help	<a href="https://www.njcourts.gov/self-help/probate">https://www.njcourts.gov/self-help/probate</a>
New Jersey Courts - County Surrogates Directory	<a href="https://www.njcourts.gov/public/directories/court-services/county-surrogates">https://www.njcourts.gov/public/directories/court-services/county-surrogates</a>
New Jersey Division of Taxation - Local Property Tax	<a href="https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/lpt/">https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/lpt/</a>
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs - Local Government Services	<a href="https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/">https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/</a>
Multi-Heir Property Disputes in New Jersey	<a href="https://www.vierainvestmentgroup.com/resources/multi-heir-property-disputes-new-jersey">https://www.vierainvestmentgroup.com/resources/multi-heir-property-disputes-new-jersey</a>
Selling an Inherited House With Multiple Owners	<a href="https://www.vierainvestmentgroup.com/nj/selling-inherited-house-multiple-owners-new-jersey-2026">https://www.vierainvestmentgroup.com/nj/selling-inherited-house-multiple-owners-new-jersey-2026</a>

RESOURCE NOTES

# Talk With Ray

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Use this page when inherited property has multiple heirs, carrying costs, repairs, title questions, disagreement, or uncertainty about sale and keep options.

PROPERTY ADDRESS

EXECUTOR / AUTHORITY CONTACT

NUMBER OF HEIRS

BEST CALLBACK NUMBER

FAMILY AGREEMENT AND URGENT DEADLINE

FACTS AND DOCUMENTS TO HAVE READY

QUESTIONS FOR RAY

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# Notes Page 1

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Use these pages for family meetings, professional notes, valuations, expenses, and follow-up items.

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