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Florida Relocation Readiness Checklist

1. Core Legal Documents

[ ] Existing Court Orders: Copies of your most recent Final Judgment of Dissolution, Paternity Order, and any existing Parenting Plan or time-sharing schedule.
[ ] Completed Court Forms:
Form 12.950(d): Supplemental Petition to Permit Relocation with Minor Children.
Form 12.902(d): UCCJEA Affidavit (verifying where the child has lived for the last 5 years).
Form 12.902(b) or (c): Family Law Financial Affidavit (Short or Long form, depending on income).
Form 12.995(c): Relocation/Long-Distance Parenting Plan.

2. Proof of the New Residence

[ ] Physical Address: The specific street address and mailing address of the new home.
[ ] Lease or Purchase Agreement: Documentation showing your intent to move into the new property.
[ ] Local Resources: Information on the new neighborhood, including the designated school district and nearby healthcare providers.

3. Evidence Supporting the Reason for the Move

[ ] Written Job Offer: If moving for work, you must attach the formal, written offer to your petition.
[ ] Employment Benefits: Details on salary increases, better hours, or improved career trajectory.
[ ] Educational Enrollment: Proof of acceptance into a university or specialized training program if that is the move's catalyst.
[ ] Family Support: Documentation of nearby relatives (letters of support, addresses) who will assist with childcare and stability.

4. The Proposed Time-Sharing Plan

[ ] Revised Schedule: A clear proposal for when the non-relocating parent will see the child (e.g., specific holidays, summer breaks, and long weekends).
[ ] Transportation Logistics: A plan for who will handle driving/flying and how travel costs will be shared.
[ ] Virtual Visitation: A schedule for Zoom, FaceTime, or phone calls to maintain the parental bond.

5. Financial Records

[ ] Income Records: Your last 2 years of tax returns and recent pay stubs.
[ ] Travel Estimates: Research on the costs of flights or fuel for the proposed time-sharing travel.

Strategic Note for the Parent

Florida law requires that your petition include a specific Notice to the Other Parent in all capital letters, warning them they have only 20 days to object. Your attorney will ensure this language is perfect, but having these documents ready ensures your "detailed statement of reasons" for the move is backed by undeniable evidence.

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