

NOTARY NEWS



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What Can Be Used for Identification?

In Florida, the only acceptable forms of identification that can be used during notarizations are government issued ID's with both a signature and a photograph like a Driver License, Passport or state identification card that are not expired. Some older military ID's can be used as long as they are still valid and have a photo and signature.

What is Notarization?

Notarization is the official fraud-deterrent process that assures the parties of a transaction that a document is authentic, and can be trusted. It is a three-part process, performed by a Notary Public that includes of vetting, certifying and record-keeping. Notarizations are sometimes referred to as "notarial acts."

Above all, notarization is the assurance by a duly appointed and impartial Notary Public that a document is authentic, that its signature is genuine, and that its signer acted without duress or intimidation, and intended the terms of the document to be in full force and effect.

The central value of notarization lies in the Notary's impartial screening of a signer for identity, willingness and awareness. This screening detects and deters document fraud, and helps protect the personal rights and property of private citizens from forgers, identity thieves and exploiters of the vulnerable. Every day the process of notarization prevents countless forged, coerced and incompetent signings that would otherwise overwhelm our court system and dissolve the network of trust allowing our civil society to function.

CommuniMatics Mobile Notary Services

Regularly covers the Orange, Osceola, and Seminole County areas of Central Florida. We handle the notarization of signatures on legal documents like Powers of Attorney, Advanced Healthcare Directives, Concealed Weapons Permits, Living Wills, and car bills of sale, etc. for the general public along with drilled safe deposit box inventories for local banks, construction related permits for contractors, and mortgage loan document signings for title companies. We can also officiate at your wedding and help you with writing your vows if needed. We travel to private residences, offices, hospitals, nursing homes, jails and even your favorite coffee shop or ball field to handle your notarization needs.

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The Parts of a Notarization

The Notary's screening of the signer for identity, volition and awareness is the first part of a notarization.

The second part is entering key details of the notarization in the Notary's "journal of notarial acts." Keeping such a chronological journal is a widely endorsed best practice, if not a requirement of law. Some states even require document signers to leave a signature and a thumbprint in the Notary's journal.

The third part is completing a "notarial certificate" that states exactly what facts are being certified by the Notary in the notarization. Affixation of the Notary's signature and seal of office on the certificate climaxes the notarization. The seal is the universally recognized symbol of the Notary office. Its presence gives a notarized document considerable weight in legal matters and renders it genuine on its face (i.e., prima facie evidence) in a court of law.

What is a Health Care Surrogate?

Any competent adult may also designate authority to a Health Care Surrogate to make all health care decisions during any period of incapacity. During the maker's incapacity, the Health Care Surrogate has the duty to consult expeditiously, with appropriate health care providers. The Surrogate also provides informed consent and makes only health care decisions for the maker, which he or she believes the maker would have made under the circumstances if the maker were capable of making such decisions.

If there is no indication of what the maker would have chosen, the Surrogate may consider the maker's best interest in deciding on a course of treatment.

How do I designate a Health Care Surrogate?

Under Florida law, designation of a Health Care Surrogate should be made through a written document, and should be signed in the presence of two witnesses, at least one of whom is neither the spouse nor a blood relative of the maker. The person designated as Surrogate cannot act as a witness to the signing of the document.

For more information about Florida Advanced Healthcare Directives, go to:
<http://www.floridahealthfinder.gov/reports-guides/advance-directives.aspx>

Notary Trivia

Did you know - The very first United States IRS Form 1040 was for the tax year 1913 AND HAD TO BE NOTARIZED! The entire return including instructions was only 4 pages long. Because the average American earned only \$1,390, and there was an exemption of \$3,000, this tax return was not filed by the vast majority of Americans.

