



Newsletter



A Note from the VAN Team

November reminds us to slow down, give thanks, and reflect on the impact we make through our notarial work. Every acknowledgment, jurat, and signature we witness helps preserve public trust — and that’s something worth celebrating. As the year winds down, we encourage all Virginia notaries to review their commissions, supplies, and record books to ensure everything is current before the new year.



Honoring Notaries This November

November 7 is National Notary Public Day—a time to recognize the integrity, diligence, and trust that Virginia notaries bring to every signing. Thank you for upholding the highest standards of our profession every day.



Finishing the Year with Integrity

As the year ends, we urge members to reflect on their notarial journey by updating journals, reviewing Virginia notary law changes, and exploring continuing education through VAN. Let's finish the year strong and begin the next with renewed purpose.

UPHOLDING INTEGRITY IN EVERY NOTARIAL ACT

The California League of Notaries recently published an article titled “Upholding the Integrity of the Notarial Profession: A Cautionary Case from San Francisco” ([CalNotaries.org](https://calnotaries.org)). It describes a case in which a notary’s failure to adhere to proper procedures led to significant legal and professional consequences—a powerful reminder of the responsibility we carry with every notarization.



As commissioned officers of the Commonwealth of Virginia

We share the same obligation to uphold the highest standards of diligence, impartiality, and accuracy. Each notarization we perform has a lasting impact, often affecting critical moments in people’s lives—property transactions, legal agreements, family documents, and more.

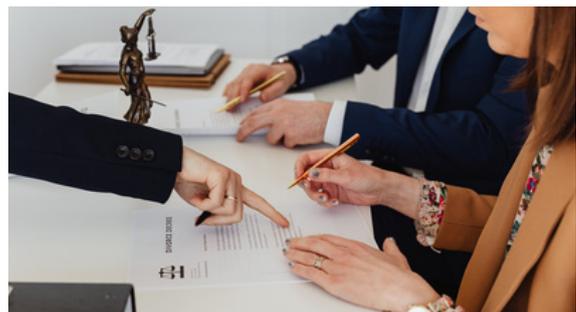


LESSON 1: DETAILS BUILD TRUST

Every signature, ID check, and journal entry matters. Precision and consistency protect both the signer and the notary, reinforcing public confidence in our work.

LESSON 2: INTEGRITY LEADS EVERY ACTION

The San Francisco case reminds us that integrity is the core of our commission. Each seal we place should reflect impartiality, honesty, and respect for the law.



VAN & ACORN NOTARY SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY & PROMOTION!



IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL NOTARY DAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2025!



VAN will give away a free membership to one lucky participant – whether you're a new, renewing, or existing member.



ACORN will also award A **PERSONALIZED** stamp and journal prize to another lucky winner!



Winners for the VAN membership and ACORN prize will be announced on Friday, November 7th.

ACORN has generously supported VAN as a proud sponsor, and we're truly grateful for their continued partnership.

Use code **VANOTARY** to receive 10% off any purchase – a great way to save and celebrate your wins!



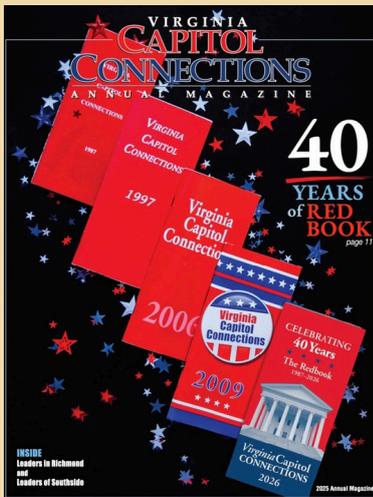
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VAN and Our Lobbyist Team Shine in the 2025 Capitol Connections Magazine



The Virginia Association of Notaries (VAN) is proud to recognize our dedicated lobbyist team from David Bailey Associates for their ongoing commitment to representing Virginia's notaries at the Virginia General Assembly.

Through their advocacy, VAN continues to stay informed, engaged, and at the forefront of legislative discussions that impact the notarial profession across the Commonwealth.



We are also thrilled to share that VAN and our lobbyist team are featured in the **2025 Virginia Capitol Connections Magazine**, now available online!

This feature highlights the importance of collaboration between professional associations and legislative representatives in advancing notary awareness, compliance, and education.

Our heartfelt thanks go to **Chris Bailey** and the entire team at **David Bailey Associates** for their dedication, professionalism, and partnership.

Their continued support helps VAN fulfill its mission of keeping Virginia's notaries compliant, confident, and connected.



Continuing Education for Virginia Notaries



Notaries in Virginia have the flexibility to perform both traditional and remote online notarizations (RON) – each with its own requirements.

The Virginia Association of Notaries partners with and outsources its Notarial and RON training services.

Traditional Notary Basics Live Virtual Class.

Strengthen your understanding of Virginia's notarial laws and best practices. The Traditional Notary Course covers essential procedures, proper identification, journal requirements, and ethical standards for in-person notarization. Perfect for both new and renewing notaries who want to ensure full compliance.

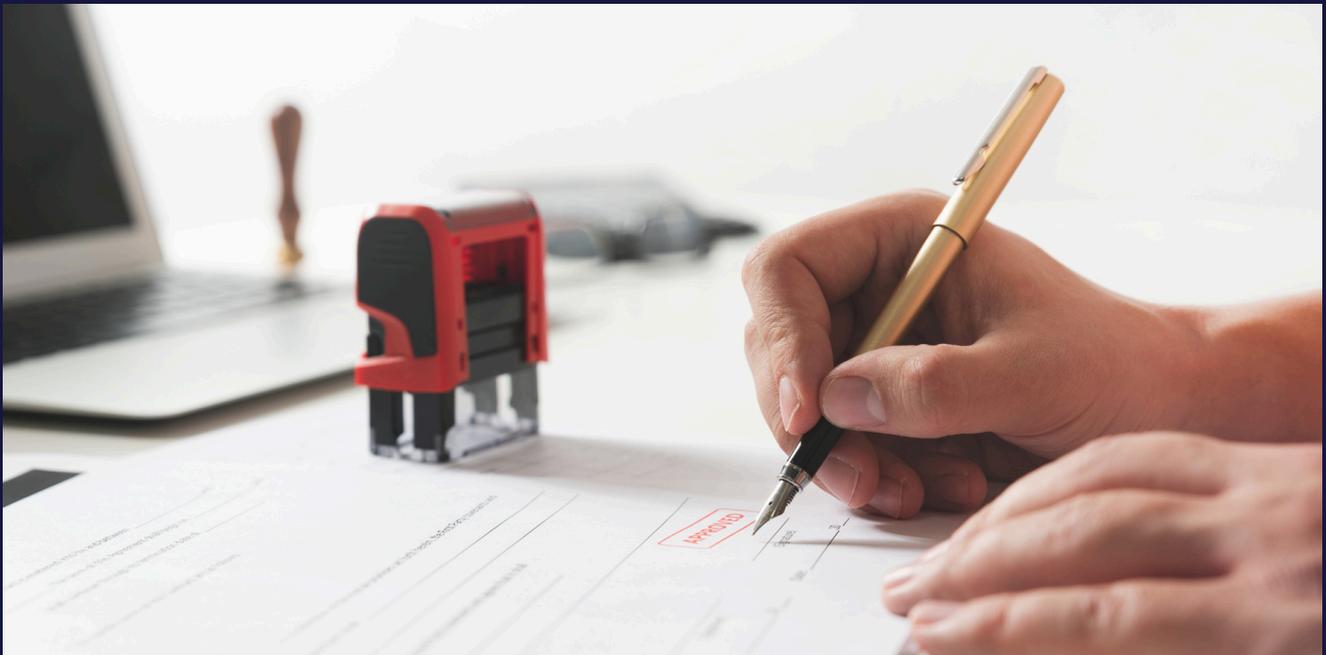


Remote Online Notary (RON) Training

Stay current with Virginia's evolving digital landscape. The Remote Online Notary (RON) Certification Course provides step-by-step guidance on performing secure, compliant online notarization. Gain confidence using approved platforms while maintaining the same integrity and accuracy required for all notarial acts.



Register for Class: Get the link at vanotaryassoc.org/training



National Notary Day Member Discount!

VAN is celebrating with a limited-time offer
— get 25% off your membership using code

NTLNTR25

Valid Nov 3 – 9

for both new and renewing members
(1-year or 4-year plans).

**Don't miss out — renew today and continue
enjoying your member benefits!**

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**NOTARIAL
CERTIFICATES**



**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**



**NOTARY
NEWS**



NOTARY TIP OF THE MONTH: VERIFY BEFORE YOU SIGN

Always check the signer's ID carefully—even if you've worked with them before. Virginia law requires personal appearance and satisfactory evidence of identity for every notarization. Familiarity should never replace verification.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Join us this November for a series of informative and empowering sessions led by industry experts. Each event is designed to help Virginia notaries strengthen their skills, stay compliant, and grow professionally.

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**GUEST SPEAKER: JEN NEITZEL
FROM MARKETING 4 NOTARIES**

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NOVEMBER

**FABIOLA MENDOZA ON PROPER
NOTARIZATION FOR APOSTILLE
FACILITATION**

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NOVEMBER

**KIMBERLY WRIGHT ON
EMPLOYEE / EMPLOYER ROLES
& REGS**

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VAN COMMITTEES & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get Involved — Join a VAN Committee



The Virginia Association of Notaries relies on dedicated volunteers who bring their skills, creativity, and passion to serve our notary community. Explore our committees below and find where your expertise fits best.

**Technical
Advisory Group**



**Training
Committee**



**Social Media
Committee**



**Membership
Committee**



**Governance
Committee**



**IT
Committee**



Interested in Volunteering?

We welcome enthusiastic members ready to contribute.



Each committee plays a vital role in helping VAN grow and in supporting our community of notaries throughout Virginia.

Committees meet regularly to exchange ideas, plan initiatives, and advance projects that strengthen our profession. While most committees meet biweekly, some may convene weekly depending on the urgency and scope of their goals.

VAN'S 6 COMMITTEES



Getting involved as a VAN volunteer expands your network, builds leadership skills, and strengthens Virginia's notary community. **New talent brings fresh ideas and energy that keep VAN growing and moving forward.**

Volunteer
membership@vanotaryassoc.org

Technical Advisory Group

- Focuses on Deed Fraud prevention and improving notarial security across Virginia.

Training Committee

- Develops education, webinars, and mentorship programs to support notaries and promote best practices.
- **Currently accepting members**

Social Media Committee

- Manages VAN's online presence and helps share notary updates, stories, and community news.
- **Currently accepting members**

IT Committee

- Supports VAN's digital systems, including the website, databases, and online tools.
- **Currently accepting members**

Membership Committee

- Builds connections, assists with member outreach and renewals, and ensures a strong community network
- **Currently accepting members.**

Governance Committee

- Oversees bylaws, elections, and policies to ensure transparency and strong leadership.
- **Currently accepting members**

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS



VAN'S dedicated and diverse leadership team of the Virginia Association of Notaries—a group of professionals united by a shared mission to support, educate, and empower notaries across the Commonwealth. Their collective experience, backgrounds, and perspectives drive VAN's commitment to inclusivity, innovation, and excellence in notarial practice.

New Board Members



Kimberly B. Wright
– Vice President / Interim President

Kimberly Wright brings over 20 years of experience as a Virginia Notary Public, Certified Notary Signing Agent, and Staff eNotary. Her deep knowledge of notarial law and passion for training have made her a trusted voice in promoting accuracy, compliance, and education across Virginia's notary community.



Fabiola Mendoza
– Marketing Chair & Board Member

Fabiola Mendoza is a Virginia and Washington, D.C. dual-commissioned notary and Founder of Elite Documents. As part of the VAN Marketing Committee, she brings passion and leadership to strengthening Virginia's notary community.



J.D. Walker
– Secretary

J.D. volunteers his notarial services to the military community and obtained a Maryland commission to serve fellow soldiers. As an Army Reserve Chief Warrant Officer, he advocates for part-time notaries and believes this Association will empower Virginia notaries to uphold ethical standards.



Monique Edwards-Robinson
– Board Member at Large

I'm Monique Edwards-Robinson, founder of MER Notary Services. I help attorneys, estate planners, and real estate professionals complete virtual notarizations with ease. From powers of attorney to full trust packages, I ensure every document is handled accurately, efficiently, and stress-free using secure platforms like Pactima and NotaryCam.



Juanita Little-Lyons
– Board Member

A Virginia eNotary with over 20 years of experience, including seven in electronic notarization, this Loan Signing Agent and trainer specializes in both traditional and remote online acts. As the owner of Notaries at Large, LLC, she is dedicated to empowering and educating Virginia Notaries Public.



Crystal Parnell
– Governance Committee Member & Board Member

Crystal Parnell is the Founder and Owner of Notary Plus, located in Fredericksburg, VA. In addition to being a traditional and eNotary, she is also a certified LSA.

What's Happening in Virginia



You're Invited!

Join us for an evening of networking, community, and professional growth as we celebrate National Notary Day across Central Virginia!

Special Offers:

The Virginia Association of Notaries (VAN) will be giving away a complimentary membership and a free notary journal – don't miss your chance to win!

Plus, enjoy 25% OFF discount code certificates (valid through 11/30/2025)

Bring your business cards, your best self, and a positive attitude – and connect with fellow notaries for an evening of learning, sharing, and celebration.

Who Should Join:

All Virginia Notaries Public, Notary Signing Agents, eNotaries, and those interested in becoming a notary are welcome! Whether you're just getting started or already established, this is the perfect opportunity to connect, learn, and grow.

LIMITED SPACE — CALL 804-244-1360 TO REGISTER!

National Notary Day Celebration – Central Virginia Meetup –

NATIONAL NOTARY DAY

Calling All Central Virginia Notaries!

YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL EVENING OF NETWORKING, COMMUNITY, AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH — FEATURING THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES (VAN) AS OUR SPECIAL GUEST!

BRING YOUR BUSINESS CARDS, CONNECT WITH OTHER NOTARIES, AND SUPPORT THE VENUE BY PURCHASING DINNER DURING THE EVENT.

SPECIAL GIVEAWAY:

ONE LUCKY ATTENDEE WILL WIN A COMPLIMENTARY VAN MEMBERSHIP, PLUS OTHER EXCITING SURPRISES — OUR WAY OF CELEBRATING VIRGINIA'S NOTARY COMMUNITY!

RHETT'S BAR & GRILL



**NOVEMBER 7, 2025
5:00 PM**

JOIN US

134 Wood Ridge Terrace
Suite 100
Zion Crossroads, VA



Preferred Vendors of the Virginia Association of Notaries



Advertising & Sponsorship Opportunities

VAN welcomes partnerships with companies and professionals who serve the notary community.

As a Preferred Vendor or Advertiser, you'll gain visibility across: The VAN Newsletter (monthly and special editions)

Our official website and member portal Events, webinars, and trainings throughout the year

Whether you offer notary tools, legal services, insurance, training, or technology,

VAN provides tailored opportunities to reach thousands of active Virginia notaries.

Interested in Advertising or Partnership?

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24/7 access to licensed attorneys for advice and guidance
Identity theft protection and business legal coverage
Exclusive discounts for VAN members

Learn more at:
<https://www.shieldbenefits.com/vaassocnotaries/enrollment>

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As the Marketing Chair and Board Member of the Virginia Association of Notaries, I'm honored to help share the voices and updates that keep our notary community connected.

A big thank-you to our lobbyist team at **David Bailey Associates** for their continued advocacy, and to our sponsors like **Acorn** for their generous support. Use code **VANOTARY to enjoy 10% off any notary purchase** — a great way to celebrate your wins!

We encourage all Virginia notaries to get involved — join a committee, volunteer, and lend your voice. No prior experience is needed!

If you're interested in learning and contributing, email VAN to get started. Together, we'll keep every notary informed, compliant, and empowered to serve with excellence.

Be Featured in Our Notary Spotlight!

We're preparing the 2026 VAN Newsletter, and we want to feature you!

- What are your goals for 2026?
- What is in your notary bag?
- Do you have a tip, story, or best practice to share?

Send us a short paragraph about your notary journey — include your name, city, and (optional) photo to: **marketing@vanotaryassoc.org**

Together, we're building a stronger, more compliant, and connected notary community — one story at a time.

With appreciation,



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