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OFFICE OF THE GREAT SEAL
LANSING

Jurat

Jurat notarizations are required for transactions where the signer must attest to the content of the document, such as all affidavits and pleadings in court. It is a certification on an affidavit declaring when, where and before whom it was sworn. However, jurat notarizations do not prove a document is true, legal, valid, or enforceable.

In executing a jurat, a Notary guarantees that the signer:

- personally appeared before the Notary
- was positively identified using personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence
- was given an oath or affirmation by the Notary attesting to the truthfulness of the document and
- signed the document in the Notary's presence as the Notary is certifying that the signer attested to the truthfulness of the document contents under penalty of perjury

When administering oaths, parties should raise their right hands. The left hand may be used in cases of disability. Following the oath, the signer must answer affirmatively i.e.: I do or Yes.

If no other wording is prescribed, a Notary may use the following or similar language for an affidavit or deposition:

- Do you solemnly swear that the information set forth in this document is accurate and true to the best of your knowledge and belief?
- Do you solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm that the statements made by you in this document are true and correct?



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✓ **Notaries cannot:**

- Notarize a document without witnessing a signature.
- Make a true copy statement.
- Make a certification statement regarding a person, business, or document. Examples: Stating a person is alive. Stating a business is incorporated under the laws of a particular state. State the qualifications of a person.
- Notary cannot be a witness on the same document they notarize.
- Cannot include the term Notario Publico/ Notaria Publica in their notarization or be referred to as Notario Publico/ Notaria Publica within the document.
- Be stated in the beginning of the document and state the whole document.
- Witness the signature of a family member.
- Notarize a document in which the notary has a financial interest in.
- Cannot charge over \$10.00 for their notarization. They may charge extra for travel, but this must be agreed upon before the notarization.
- Notary cannot charge a fee to make a correction to their notarization.
- If using Electronic or Remote notarization, notary cannot charge a travel or convenience fee.
- Notaries elements, either written, stamped, or embossed cannot make any portion of the document illegible .
- Cannot notary stamp or notary emboss pages to show a page belongs within the document. Every stamp or embossing is considered a notarization and requires witnessing a signature and having all the elements of a proper notarization.



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Examples

JURAT



State of _____ }
County of _____ } ss.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this
_____ day of _____, _____ by
Date Month Year

Name of Signer No. 1

Name of Signer No. 2 (if any)

Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal/Stamp Above

*Any Other Required Information
(Residence, Expiration Date, etc.)*

OPTIONAL

*This section is required for notarizations performed in Arizona but is optional in other states.
Completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment
of this form to an unintended document.*

Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: _____

Document Date: _____ Number of Pages: _____

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: _____





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Subscribed and sworn to by _____ before me on the
_____ day of _____, _____.

Signature _____

Printed name _____

Notary public, State of Michigan, County of _____

My commission expires _____

Acting in the County of _____ (Included when performing a
notarial act outside of the Notary's county of commission)