

NOTARY SIGNING AGENTS

AS A RESULT OF A RULING BY THE DELAWARE SUPREME COURT ON MAY 31, 2000, ONLY AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN DELAWARE MAY CONDUCT A CLOSING RELATED TO THE SALE OR REFINANCING OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE – SEE IN MID-ATLANTIC SETTLEMENT SER., 755 A.2D 389 (DEL SUPR. 2000). THUS, NOTARY SIGNING AGENTS AND OTHER NON-ATTORNEYS MAY NOT OPERATE AT SUCH A CLOSING IN THE STATE WITHOUT A PRESIDING ATTORNEY PRESENT. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS FOR HOME EQUITY LOANS, BUT THEN ONLY A LENDER ACTING IN A *PRO SE* CAPACITY MAY CONDUCT THE CLOSING IN LIEU OF AN ATTORNEY,