

## Notarizing Documents for Relatives.

A Notary Public **should not notarize** if the Notary is a party to the document or is financially or beneficially interested in the transaction stated in the document.

Commissioning Officials here in Delaware *recommends, advises and discourages* Notaries against notarizing documents for relatives.

If you are a notary public in a family run business to which you as a notary would be financially or benefit from the document being notarized, it is **recommended** that a **non-blood** notary (which includes **NOT** being an in-law, steps or half relative) would be needed to notarize any documents.

This would avoid any appearance of impartiality and a good general practice that the Delaware Notary Association recommends also that Notaries **AVOID** notarizing for close relatives.

If there is a notary public in the employ of a company (whether family owned or not) the notary public would be within the law to notarize for customers and other employees of the company. The notary would be only performing their duties as required and directed by their commission.