

## Notarizing Documents During Shelter-In-Place Orders

At this time, we are unable to meet with clients or notarize documents at our office. Since there still is a need for notarization on many legal documents (particularly for estate plans and real property transfers), we recommend the following options:

### **OPTION 1: Check with your bank or other local businesses.**

Most banks are still open (but with reduced hours) and many offer notary services for their customers. You should call your local branch to confirm availability. Local businesses like The UPS Store and FedEx Office also typically have a notary available in-house. Our local Payn's Stationery at 1791 Solano Avenue, Albany, CA 94707 (510-526-3056) also has notary services. You should call ahead to confirm availability.

### **OPTION 2: Use a mobile notary.**

Perform a Google search for "mobile notary" to find services that offer notaries who can come to you.

### **OPTION 3: Use an online notary service.**

Remote online notarizations (RON) are currently not permitted in California by California-based notaries, but the Secretary of State has stated that California citizens who wish to have their documents notarized remotely can obtain notarial services in another state that currently provides remote online notarization and other states' notarizations will be honored. Here are links to the companies currently providing RON:

<a href="https://www.docverify.com">DocVerify</a>	<a href="https://www.docverify.com">https://www.docverify.com</a>
<a href="https://www.notarize.com">Notarize</a>	<a href="https://www.notarize.com">https://www.notarize.com</a>
<a href="https://www.notarycam.com">NotaryCam</a>	<a href="https://www.notarycam.com">https://www.notarycam.com</a>
<a href="https://www.pavaso.com">Pavaso</a>	<a href="https://www.pavaso.com">https://www.pavaso.com</a>
<a href="https://www.safedocs.com">Safedocs</a>	<a href="https://www.safedocs.com">https://www.safedocs.com</a>
<a href="https://www.signix.com">SIGNiX</a>	<a href="https://www.signix.com">https://www.signix.com</a>

*Please note: these services may require uploading of documents and identification, which may require a scanner. IF you do plan to use an online notary service, please contact Ed at 510-526-3300 or [eh@halpernlawoffice.com](mailto:eh@halpernlawoffice.com), since we may be able to email you PDFs to upload in lieu of scanning.*

**Please practice safe social distancing procedures. Please call if you have any questions. Halpern Law Office – 510-527-4337 – [rh@halpernlawoffice.com](mailto:rh@halpernlawoffice.com)**