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Subject: New Laws and Information

New Law:

Chapter 197, Statutes of 2014, effective January 1, 2015, requires the addition of the following specific disclaimer to the top of the form certificates of acknowledgement, proof of execution and jurat: "A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document." The statutory changes are as follows:

- 1) California Civil Code section 1189 requires the disclaimer to be legible and requires the disclaimer to be in an enclosed box at the top of the certificate above the venue statement in the following format:

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)
County of _____)

On _____ before me, (here insert name and title of the officer), personally appeared _____, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal.
Signature _____ (Seal)

- 2) California Civil Code section 1195 requires the disclaimer to be legible and requires the disclaimer to be in an enclosed box at the top of the certificate above the venue statement in the following format:

California Secretary of State
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(916) 653-3595

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)
County of _____) ss.

On ____ (date), before me, ____ (name and title of officer), personally appeared ____ (name of subscribing witness), proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, as a witness thereto, on the oath of ____ (name of credible witness), a credible witness who is known to me and provided a satisfactory identifying document. ____ (name of subscribing witness), being by me duly sworn, said that he/she was present and saw/heard (name[s] of principal[s]), the same person(s) described in and whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within or attached instrument in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies) as (a) party (ies) thereto, execute or acknowledge executing the same, and that said affiant subscribed his/her name to the within or attached instrument as a witness at the request of ____ (name[s] of principal[s]).

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature _____ (Seal)

California Government Code section 8202 requires the disclaimer to be legible and requires the disclaimer to be in an enclosed box at the top of the certificate above the venue statement in the following format:

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Seal _____

Signature _____

In addition, Chapter 913, Statutes of 2014, effective January 1, 2015, restores the conduct violation and penalty for a willful violation of California Government Code section 8214.1(d) setting the penalty for such violation at up to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500).

Section 8214.15 of the California Government Code now provides in relevant part:

"(a) In addition to any commissioning or disciplinary sanction, a violation of subdivision (f), (i), (l), (m), or (p) of Section 8214.1, or a willful violation of subdivision (d) of Section 8214.1, is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)."