

Civil Penalty Fines for California Notaries:

Intended as a Study Aid

Maximum \$75,000: (Government Code § 8214.2)

- Filing and recording a false/forged document **involving real property**, swearing to false statements and inducing a Notary to act improperly

Maximum \$10,000: (Civil Code § 1185 and 1189)

- Willful failure to obtain satisfactory identification as required to ensure that the person being notarized is the same individual who is signing the document
- Willfully stating as true any material known to be false

Maximum \$2,500: (Government Code § 8214.21 and 8214.23)

- Willful failure to provide a Peace Officer with your Notary journal
- Willful failure to obtain a required thumbprint in your Notary journal

Maximum \$1,500: (Government Code § 8214.15a)

- Using false or misleading advertising of Notary Public duties, rights or privileges
- Committing a dishonest or deceitful act with the intention of benefit to the Notary Public
- Buying a Notary seal from an unapproved vendor
- Knowingly and willfully completing a notarization of a document known to be false
- Translating “Notary Public” into Spanish or failing to include in advertising the statement required by non-attorney Notaries
- Advertising as “Immigration Specialist or Consultant” when not legally authorized to provide those services
- Entering data on immigration forms when not qualified or bonded
- Failure to discharge fully and faithfully any of the duties or responsibilities required of a Notary Public

Maximum \$750: (Government Code § 8214.15b)

- Failure to complete a notarial act
- Failure to administer an Oath or affirmation for a Jurat
- Negligent failure to fully and faithfully discharge the duties of a Notary Public
- Charging more than the maximum fees allowed by law

Maximum \$500: (Government Code § 8213.5 and 8213.6)

- Willful failure to notify the Secretary of State of name/address changes