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**Acknowledgments or Proofs Taken Outside of the United States  
Pursuant to Civil Code 1183**

The acknowledgment or proof of an instrument may be taken outside of the United States, without further proof or acknowledgment, before any of the following:

- A minister, commissioner, or charge d'affaires of the United States, resident and accredited in the country where the proof or acknowledgment is made.
- A consul, vice consul, or consular agent of the United States, resident in the country where the proof or acknowledgment is made.
- A judge of a court of record of the country where the proof or acknowledgment is made.
- Commissioners appointed by the Governor or Secretary of State for that purpose.

If the acknowledgment or proof was taken by a notary public, the signature of the notary public must be proved or acknowledged in one of the following ways:

- By a judge of a court of record of the country where the proof or acknowledgment was taken
- By an American diplomatic officer, consul general, consul, vice consul, or consular agent
- By an Apostille (certification) affixed to the instrument pursuant to the terms of the Hague Convention