



Quick Tip

State Variations to Know

State	Unique Requirement
California	Thumbprints for deeds/POA; soft-cover OK but must be bound & numbered.
Texas	Journal recommended, not mandatory—but failure to produce records can be grounds for discipline.
Florida (RON)	Electronic journals must be stored on an approved platform with daily backups.
Oregon	One journal entry per notarial act, not per signer.

Always default to your state's notary handbook—and re-read it annually. Legislatures love to change the game just when you think you've memorized it.