

Acknowledgment VS Jurat

When using an **Acknowledgment** the signer personally appears, proves his or her identity and **acknowledges that they have willingly signed the document.**

The Acknowledgment can be signed prior to presenting the document and does not need to be signed in front of the Notary Public.

When using a **Jurat** the signer appears in person, proves his or her identity and **swears or affirms that the statements in the document are true.**
The Jurat MUST be signed in front of the Notary.

As a Notary Public you are allowed to explain to the signer the difference between the two documents but are not allowed to suggest which one the signer should use.

Doing so may be construed as the practice of law and is prohibited.