2026 MARYLAND NOTARY PUBLIC DAY CONFERENCE

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Saturday, November 7, 2026 - 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

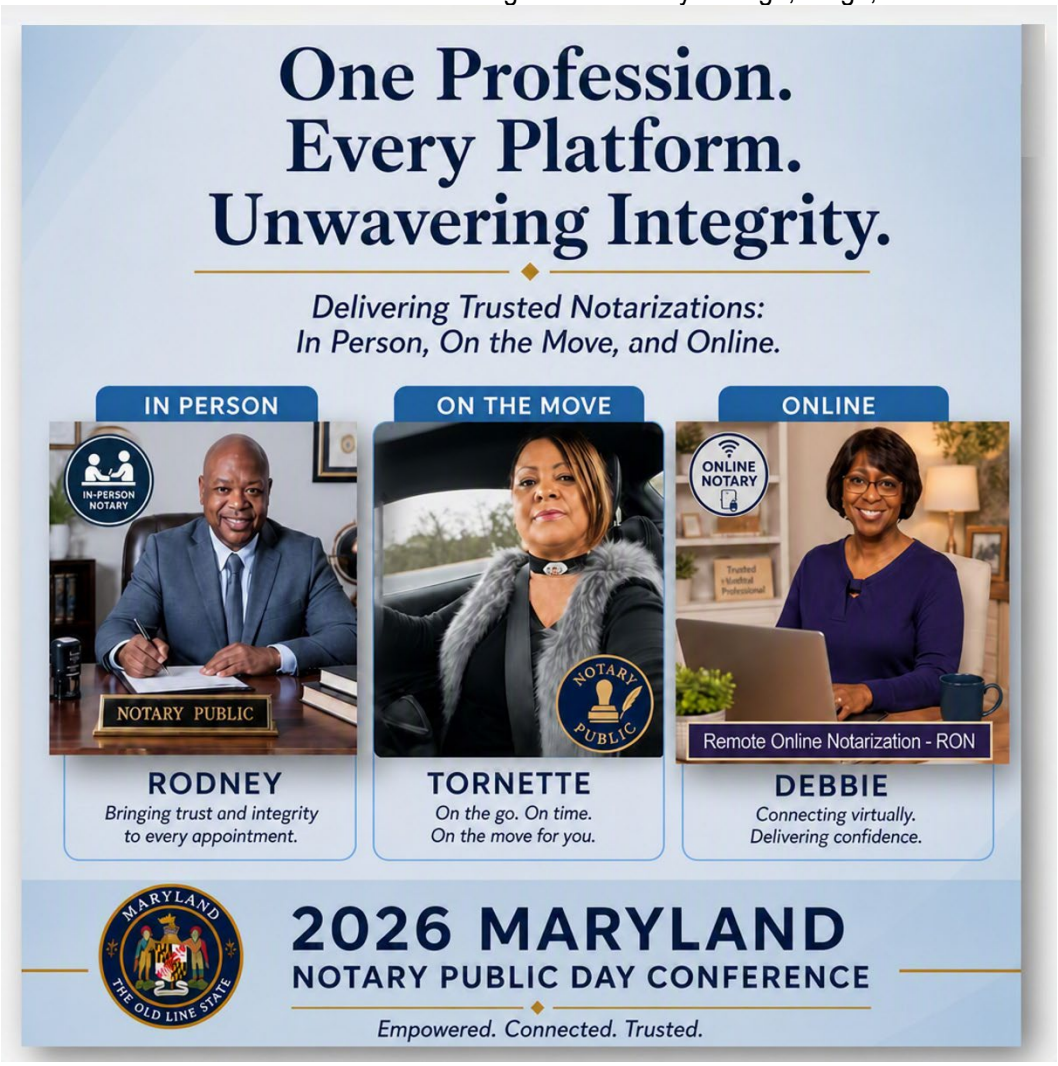
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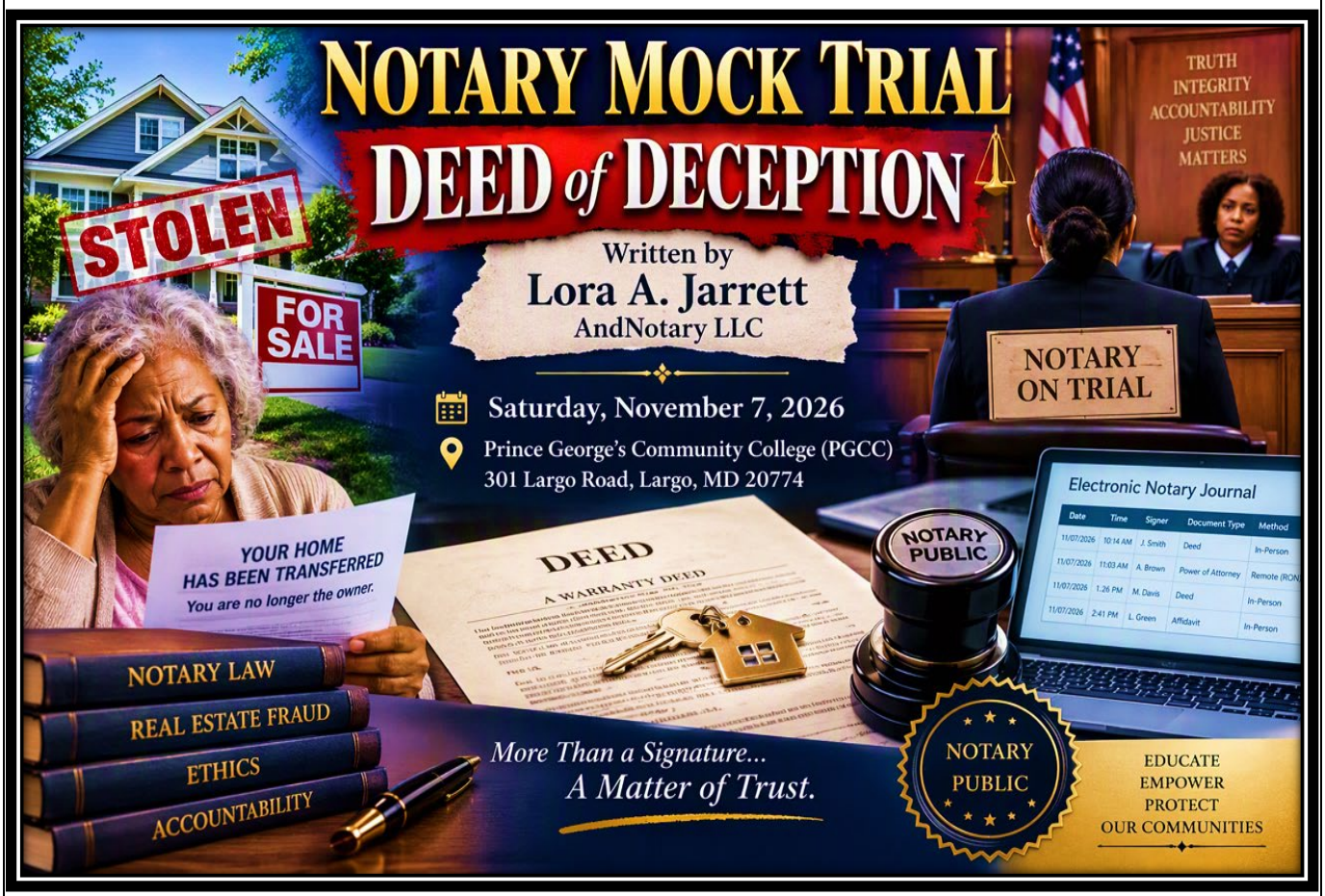
Notaries have always been guardians of trust, ensuring authenticity, integrity, and confidence with every signature and seal. As society becomes more connected, our work now extends from the traditional desk to mobile services and secure online platforms. *Delivering Trusted Notarizations – In Person, On the Move, and Online* - highlights this evolution and reaffirms the notary's unwavering commitment to accuracy and ethical service across every method of delivery.

We are privileged to include a special welcome from the President of Prince George's Community College, recognizing the value and impact of your service. We are equally honored that the President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Notary Association has provided closing remarks, underscoring the importance of notaries on both the state and national levels.

Morning General Session – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Doors Open 8:15 AM	**Lanham Hall, Room 125** 	
	Conference Host: Daniel C. Lewis Managing Partner Lewis Notary & Training Services, Inc. Carmel, IN 2010 NNA Notary of the Year 	
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM 	**Welcome** Video Presentation **Welcome** Dr. Falecia D. Williams	**Dr. Falecia D. Williams** *President, Prince George's Community College* **Elaine Wright Harris** *2009 NNA Notary of the Year* *Mitchellville, MD* **Wanda Moore** *2020 NNA Notary of the Year* *Special Honoree* *Upper Marlboro, MD*
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	**Unlock Your NNA Benefits: Resources & Perks You Didn't Know You Had** From part-time work to a full-time business, no matter how far you set your sights as a Notary, membership with the National Notary Association® can help propel you towards your goal. Learn how the benefits can impact your role as a Notary as you serve the public in performing your duties. **Special Tribute to NNA Notary of the Year & Special Honoree Award Recipients** Recognizing outstanding Notaries Public who exemplify exceptional professionalism and unwavering ethical standards, serving as exemplary models for the entire notary community.	**Nicola Jackson** *Director, Training and Education* *National Notary Association* *Chatsworth, CA*
10:00 AM – 10:25 AM	**Performing *Accurate Notarizations:*** *Upholding Trust and Integrity in Every Act*	**Michael Schlein** *Director, Office of the Secretary of State* *Annapolis, MD*

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10:25 AM – 10:50 AM	**How Remote Notarization Changed the Way I Do Business** My journey from traditional notarization into remote online notarization: the early missteps that taught me valuable lessons, and the key practices that ultimately propelled my RON business forward.	**Joey Smith** *Vice President of Sales, BlueNotary* *Blackstone, Virginia*
10:50 AM – 11:15 AM	**Sign and Scale: Running Your Notary Practice Like a Business** A practical session for independent notaries ready to stop thinking transaction-by-transaction and start running their notary work like a real business, with the pricing, positioning, and systems to grow beyond their own two hands.	**Keturah Miller** *Vice President of Notary Engagement & Education, BlueNotary* *Hudson Valley, NY*
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	**Mock Trial - Another Case of a Negligent Notary: Deed of Deception** Immerse yourself in a dynamic, interactive mock-trial experience that goes far beyond textbook learning. This unique training session demands active participation, sharp listening, and thoughtful analysis. Step into a partially fictional courtroom crafted for both the plaintiff and the defendant and **assume the role of a juror as you evaluate the facts, weigh the testimonies, and render a decision.**	**Lora Jarrett** *President* *AndNotary LLC* *Petersburg, VA*



Lunch Break – 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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Lunch on Your Own

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Afternoon Workshops – 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

1:30 – 2:10 PM
2:20 – 3:00 PM

Afternoon Workshops

Discover various operational choices for providing notarial services to clients and gather essential information to optimize your notarial business. Do you enjoy face-to-face client interactions? Are you comfortable traveling to clients or prefer working from home? Are you tech-savvy? Do you prefer to work remotely? Do you choose to specialize in offering clients one service or a range of services? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions or are uncertain, these workshops are for you. Whether you are a new or seasoned notary, prefer traditional business methods, or want to learn how to sharpen your loan closing skills, there are sessions tailored for you!

Afternoon General Session – 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Notaries Public Dress for Success Fashion Show

Experience an engaging, instructional showcase designed to strengthen your professional presence. During the Notaries Public Dress for Success Fashion Show, you'll observe attire thoughtfully selected for a variety of notarial settings, from routine in-person appointments to high-stakes mortgage closings.
As each look is presented, participants are encouraged to evaluate how wardrobe choices communicate readiness, credibility, and respect for the individuals we serve. This session blends creativity with practical guidance, offering visual examples that reinforce best practices in professional appearance.

Let the demonstration spark new ideas for refining your notary wardrobe while deepening your understanding of how intentional presentation supports trust, confidence, and excellence in every notarial encounter.

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4:00 PM – 4:15 PM 	**Giving Back to the Community** Thank you, Notary Public Professionals, for contributing to our "Giving Back to the Community" project. **2026 Project Recipient** **Toni Thomas Associates/H.O.P.E. Project** President/CEO: Raymond Bell Instructor: Dean Cooke	**Wanda Moore** *2020 NNA Notary of the Year Special Honoree* *Upper Marlboro, MD*
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM 	**One Profession. Every Platform. Unwavering Integrity Roundtable Discussion** • **In-Person Notarization:** *Upholding Tradition with Precision* – **Rodney Webb** • **Mobile Notarization:** *Meeting the Public Where They Are* – **Tornnette Proctor** • **Remote Online Notarization:** *Delivering secure, compliant notarizations in a connected world* – **Debbie Best-Schneidmill**	**Daniel Lewis** *Moderator* *Managing Partner* *Lewis Notary & Training Services, Inc.* *Carmel, IN*
4:45 PM – 5:10 PM	**Minimize Risk and Maximize Trust***: Exercising Reasonable Care in Every Setting* Every notarization carries risk. Success lies in knowing how to minimize it. This keynote session explores reasonable care, the legal standard used to determine liability when a notarization is questioned. Whether you notarize in an office, on the move, or behind a screen, you'll learn how to apply this standard through real-world examples. You'll come away with practical, actionable tips to help you reduce risk, strengthen your defense if a notarization you perform is ever challenged, and notarize with greater confidence no matter where the job takes you.	**Brooke Merritt** *Director* *Government Affairs* *National Notary Association* *Meridianville, AL*
5:10 PM – 5:30 PM 	**Who will win the 4-year National Notary Association membership?** [You must be present to win!]	**Elaine Harris and Wanda Moore**
	**Closing Remarks** *Video Presentation*	**Thomas A. Heymann** **President/CEO** National Notary Association

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Doors Close 5:30 PM	**Message from Elaine and Wanda to Notary Public Day Conference Attendees** **To all the dedicated notaries who joined the 2026 Maryland Notary Public Day Conference** - your commitment to learning and professional growth shines brightly. By seeking knowledge, asking questions, and exploring new tools of the trade, you've shown the essence of serving with integrity and excellence. Learning begins with curiosity - and you took that step. You sought more information, shared insights, and strengthened the notarial community through your participation. As we enter a prosperous New Year, may your continued pursuit of knowledge bring success, confidence, and fulfillment to every notarization you perform. Your dedication makes a lasting difference - **one signature, one seal, one act of trust at a time.**	

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Your partnership and commitment to the notarial profession helped make this year's conference an outstanding success. Because of your sponsorship, we were able to provide high-quality educational sessions, professional development opportunities, valuable networking experiences, and resources that empowered notaries to grow and excel in their careers.

Your investment in our conference demonstrates a shared commitment to excellence, education, and the advancement of the notarial community. The impact of your support was felt by every attendee and contributed directly to creating a meaningful and memorable experience.

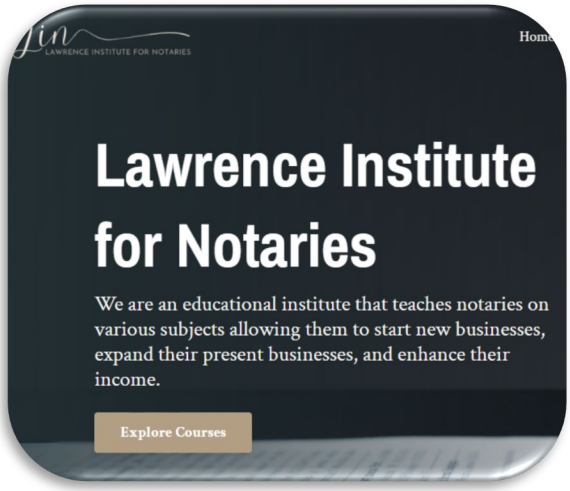
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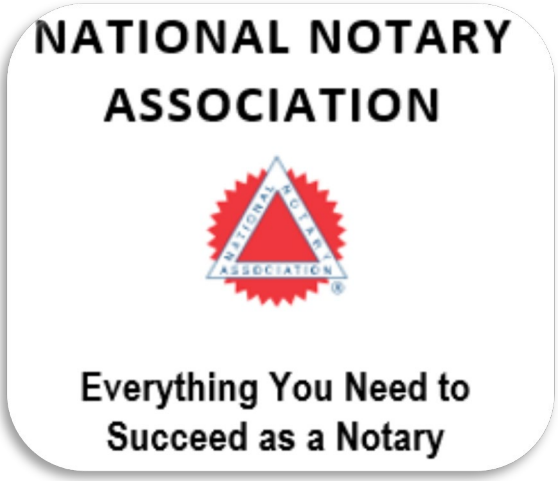
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