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Ms. Lindsay Baxley
210 Scarborough Lane
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RE: Determination Following Investigation of Reported Notary Misconduct

Dear Ms. Baxley:

Thank you for your cooperation with the investigation conducted by the Notary Section of the Executive Office of the Governor regarding the complaint of misconduct filed by Mr. Eliot Bernstein.

After reviewing the complaint, the challenged notarized instrument, and your sworn response, this Office has confirmed the following violations of the laws governing Florida notaries public:

- You failed to include a complete jurat or notarial certificate with all of the required elements at the time you notarized the "Will of Simon L. Bernstein" instrument. Specifically, you failed to specify the type of identification relied upon in identifying parties whose signatures were notarized. Please refer to the Governor's Reference Manual or visit www.flgov.com/notary to review the proper method to complete a jurat or notarial certificate on notarized documents.
- You failed to keep current your contact information with the Department of State by neglecting to notify the Department in writing of the change to your mailing address. Florida notaries public have a continuing obligation to keep current all contact information maintained by the Department of State, pursuant to Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

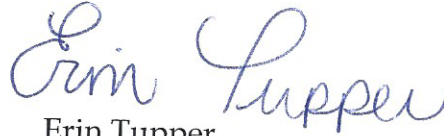
The act of notarizing an instrument has legal consequences that demand strict adherence to the statutory requirements defined within Chapter 117, Florida Statutes. As public officers, notaries are expected to know and remain in compliance with the duties, responsibilities, limitations, and powers of their office. The failure to abide by those statutory requirements constitutes a neglect of duty, for which the Governor may issue an executive order of suspension, pursuant to Section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes.

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In light of the violation confirmed above, please allow this to serve as a formal letter of caution, advising you to practice better adherence to the laws governing your performance as a Florida notary public. Further disciplinary action is not warranted at this time, but this letter will remain in your commission file for review in the event future complaints of misconduct are filed against you. At this time, you remain actively commissioned and entitled to the privileges and emoluments that accompany your office as a notary public.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (850) 717-9529, or via email at NOTARY@eog.myflorida.com, for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Tupper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Tupper
Notary Coordinator

cc: Mr. Eliot Bernstein - Complainant