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Ms. Lindsay Rae Baxley-Giles  
210 Scarborough Lane  
Boynton Beach, Florida 33436

RE: Complaint of Notary Misconduct; Response Due By **May 20, 2014**

Dear Ms. Baxley-Giles:

Following the closure of the recent complaint investigation involving your notary commission, this Office was notified of additional violations of the provisions of Chapter 117, Florida Statutes. A copy of the new complaint is enclosed for your reference. This Office is now conducting an investigation of the reported notary misconduct cited below. Your full and prompt cooperation with this investigation is a required component of your commission as a Florida notary public.

Using the enclosed form, please provide a sworn written response to each of the matters bulleted below **within twenty (20) days** of the date of this letter. Please respond with specificity, and include any supporting documents, notary journal logs, or materials relevant to the investigation of the following alleged violations of the notary statutes:

- You failed to notify the Department of State and request an amended commission following the change to your legal name from Lindsay Baxley (as commissioned) to Lindsay Baxley-Giles. This Office has confirmed the change to your legal name through records of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. A notary public who lawfully changes his or her name is required to request an amended commission from the Department of State within 60 days of the name change. Fla. Stat. §117.05(9). Although you were purportedly married in August 2011, to date, you have failed to obtain an amended notary commission.
- Despite legally changing your name to Lindsay Baxley-Giles, you continued to use the notary commission assigned to your maiden name.

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"No person shall obtain or use a notary public commission in other than his or her legal name... [a]ny person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a felony of the third degree." Fla. Stat. §117.05(1).

Failure to fully and promptly cooperate with the investigation conducted by this Office will result in disciplinary action taken, up to and including the suspension of your notary commission.

Thank you for your prompt response to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Tupper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Erin Tupper  
Notary Coordinator

Enclosure.

cc: Mr. Eliot Bernstein, Complainant