

## North Carolina Notary Association

## Signatures

## Special points of interest:

- Annual Fall Conference on October 8, 2011
- Certified Paralegal Education—2 Hrs. CPEs
- New Feature Article—Actual Enforcement Files from the N. C. Department of the Secretary of State

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## NC Notary Association Annual Fall Conference to be held in Wilkesboro

The NC Notary Association will hold its Annual Fall Conference on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Wilkes County Community College, Wilkesboro, NC. The conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

***Certified Paralegals will receive 2 CPE units for attending.***

If you are currently a member the conference fee is \$10.00. For those of you who wish to attend and are not members, admission to the conference is \$30 and you will receive a one year membership. If you would like to attend but not join at this time, the conference fee is \$20.00. A catered lunch will be

served. The conference fee will include all conference materials.

Our program is entitled **“Back to Basics”** which will be focused on getting back to the basics of the notary act, North Carolina's Professional Code of Ethics, and best practices explained by some of North Carolina's most experienced Notary Instructors.

How can you register?

It's easy! Send an email to [faye@ncnotary.org](mailto:faye@ncnotary.org) or simply complete the registration form on page 3 of this newsletter and mail to: NCNA, P. O. Box 30517, Raleigh, NC 27622 by **October 1, 2011.**

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special conference rate for a nightly charge of \$64.99 plus tax at the Addison Inn, US Hwy 421 North Wilkesboro, NC 28697. Phone: (336) 838-1000 | (800) 672-7218 | Fax: (336) 667-7458. The Addison's website is: <http://www.addisoninn.com/>. Be sure to mention our group code of NCNA to receive the special room rate.

***We hope to see you there!***



**Blue Ridge Mountains  
North Carolina**

### Here a few ideas for things for you and your family to do when you come to the Wilkesboro Area for the conference the weekend of October 6-9, 2011

October 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.—“Test & Tune at the Wilkesboro Raceway Park”. Watch the racers line up and wait for the light to turn green to test how their vehicle will rank this year. For info, visit [www.wilkesbororracewaypark.com](http://www.wilkesbororracewaypark.com).

October 7, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.—“Open Air Market”. In the heart of historic downtown, offering “fresh from the farm” fruits, vegetables, plants, and handmade crafts. The focus is on supporting and sustaining the local farm and artisan community. Located in the town-owned parking lot near Havana Dreams. Free to the public! Contact [planning@wilkesboronorthcarolina.com](mailto:planning@wilkesboronorthcarolina.com) for more info.

October 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—“Black Cat Station Railroad Club”. Large “HO” Scale Model railroad, operating many trains at the same time. Located at 800 Elizabeth St., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 (The Old Wilkes Art Gallery). [www.blackcatstation.com](http://www.blackcatstation.com)

October 8, 2011 at 4:00—8:00 p.m.—“Wilkes County Cruisers”. Antiques, street rods, classics, pro street, muscle cars & motorcycles welcome! DJ & special entertainment planned (October 8th —Gospel Night). Parking area behind Keystone Restaurant & Grill.

For more information and more free events go to: <http://www.explorewilkes.com/>



# NC Notary Association

*Annual Fall Conference*

*Saturday, October 8, 2011*

*Wilkes County Community College*

*Room 1112, Alumni Hall*

*1328 S. Collegiate Drive*

*Wilkesboro, NC 28697*

*9:00—3:00*

*Registration and Check-In : 9:00 a.m.*

***“BACK TO BASICS”***

Getting back to the basics of the notary act, North Carolina's Professional Code of Ethics, and best practices explained by some of North Carolina's most experienced Notary Instructors.

*Attention NC Certified Paralegals—The NC State Bar Board of Paralegal Certification has approved 2 hours of CPE credit.*

**\$10.00 for Members.**

**Non-Members pay \$30.00 and receive a year's membership.**

**Non-Members who attend but do not wish to join NCNA pay \$20.00.**

**To E-Mail your conference reservation: [Faye@ncnotary.org](mailto:Faye@ncnotary.org)**

***Send in your registration with fee by October 1, 2011***

## Registration form for NCNA's Annual Fall Conference October 8, 2011

- Yes, I am a member and have enclosed my conference fee of \$10.00.  
 Yes, I would like to become a member and have enclosed my membership and conference fee of \$30.00.  
 Yes, I would like to attend but I do not wish to join NCNA at this time. My conference fee of \$20.00 is enclosed.

<b>Name as Commissioned:</b>			
<b>Commission Expiration Date:</b>	<b>County in which Commissioned:</b>		
<b>Home Address:</b>			
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>	
<b>Home Phone:</b>			
<b>Company / Organization:</b>			
<b>Work Address:</b>			
<b>Work Phone:</b>	<b>Fax Number:</b>		
<b>Email Address (es):</b>			

*Special Note: The 2006 Notary Public Guidebook for North Carolina, 10th Edition, will be available for sale at the conference for \$20.00. Please check here if you would like to buy a copy at the conference. [ ]*

*Mail your registration to: NCNA, P.O. Box 30517, Raleigh, NC 27622-0517, or email Faye@ncnotary.org by October 1, 2011.*

### Directions: Wilkes County Community College 1328 S. Collegiate Drive, Wilkesboro, NC 28697

**From the North:** Take Interstate 77 South to US Highway 421 North. Travel 21 miles on 421 North to Highway 268 West in Wilkesboro, NC. Note: Wilkes Community College sign on Highway 421. Follow signs to campus.

**From the South:** Take Interstate 77 North to US 421 North. Travel 21 miles on 421 North to Highway 268 West in Wilkesboro, NC. Note: Wilkes Community College sign on Highway 421. Follow signs to campus.

**From the West:** Take Interstate 40 to Interstate 77 North at Statesville, NC. Travel I-77 North (23 miles) to US 421 North. Travel 21 miles on 421 North to Highway 268 West in Wilkesboro, NC. Note: Wilkes Community College sign on Highway 421. Follow signs to campus.

**From East via I-40:** Take Interstate Highway 40 to Highway 421 North at Winston-Salem, NC. Travel 49 miles on 421 North to Highway 268 West in Wilkesboro, NC. Note: Wilkes Community College sign on Highway 421. Follow signs to campus.

You can also go to <http://www.wilkescc.edu> for a copy of the campus map.

N. C. Department of the Secretary of State  
Notary Enforcement Section  
Actual Case Files



**Notary Case #1**

An attorney who was also a North Carolina Notary Public coerced her employee to notarize a Short Form Power of Attorney without personal appearance by the signer (oath taker). The Power of Attorney gave the POA authority to transact business related to her aunt and step-uncle's estate worth millions. The employee and the attorney were indicted by the District Attorney in the county in which the criminal activity occurred. The notary public was issued a deferred prosecution and had to speak in ten (10) notary classes. She was required to also withdraw her appeal of her revocation

**Notary Case #2**

Notary was reported to our office by the DMV Inspector for notarizing the signature of a deceased person on a DMV Title. The husband of the deceased person took the paperwork to the notary instead of to the Clerk of Court. The notarial certificate stated that the deceased person appeared before the notary in 2007 and the principal had been dead since 2004. We revoked the commission of the notary and she tried to get her Legislator to change the Director's mind. The notary was the owner of a car dealership.

**Notary Case #3**

Notary worked as a loan officer at a bank, was reported for notarizing the forged signature of the wife of a customer of the bank. The signature was signed on a Deed of Trust that allowed a second mortgage on the home. The couple were having marital problems and eventually separated and divorced. The notary who worked at the bank became involved with the husband during this time. The bank fired the notary and after an investigation of the allegations, the Department revoked her commission.

**Notary Case #4**

An FBI agent from Asheville contacted our office to request information regarding the requirements of notary seals for North Carolina. He was conducting an investigation of sovereign citizens, who were involved in notary fraud regarding documents served to him at his private residence. The men in question were not notaries, had made fraudulent seals and were not acting in accordance with several laws some of which were Federal. Director was subpoenaed to Court in Buncombe County to testify regarding the North Carolina Notary Act. The first case was heard and the person was charged in Superior Court of violation of Chapter 10B-60(e), notarizing knowing the person is not a commissioned notary and for violations of Chapter 10B-37, Seal Image. They were also facing several Federal Charges. The older gentleman committed suicide after this court proceeding and before the Federal charges were issued. The second man received the same charges as in the previous case.



## Annual Professional Development Conference 2011 Held in Raleigh, NC

The Annual Professional Development Conference was held at the Blue Ridge Ramada Inn on March 5, 2011.

We had a great turnout! Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, North Carolina's Number 1 Notary Public, was our keynote speaker and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her presentation. Secretary Marshall talked to our group about emerging

notary issues and trends which may have the potential of challenging how we continue to perform our duties ethically and legally. Major topics included "Mortgage Mills" and recent legislation in Virginia allowing eNotarizations to be conducted without personal appearance. Secretary Marshall led an informal questions and answers session. Some of the questions centered on basic notary issues as well as her opinion on some

of the legislative initiatives NCNA may be pursuing in the next legislative session.

Benjamin Kuhn, Kuhn Law Firm, Raleigh, gave an excellent presentation about the rise in the number of people (and not just notaries) engaging in the unauthorized practice of law during real property transactions and the solutions that the N. C. State Bar may be proposing

in the near future.

NCNA's 2011 Educational Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500.00 was presented to member, Ms. Julia Jenkins (See last page for more information.)

Hope to see all of you at the Wilkes County Community College on October 8, 2011!



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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NCNA Member Ms. Julia Jenkins was awarded the \$500.00 Educational Scholarship Award on March 5, 2011. Ms. Jenkins will pursue her degree in Leadership in the Public Sector at North Carolina State University.

By receiving her degree, Ms. Jenkins will be able to further serve the public by helping children, firefighters, emergency workers and code officials with training and all that is involved with the N. C. State Fire Marshalls Office. Good luck Julia!

Patty Holloway and Julia Jenkins at the 3-5-2011 conference.

**NCNA PURPOSE**

*“To Promote excellence  
in Notary work.  
To Provide Notary  
education and training.  
To Encourage and  
support those things that  
are in the best interest of  
Notaries and the public  
they serve.”*

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