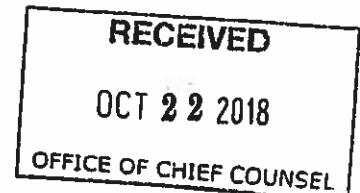


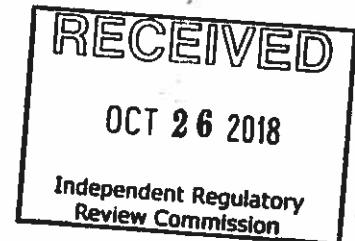
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October 15, 2018

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Re: Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts Proposed Rulemaking
PA Bulletin, 9-1-2018.pdf



Dear Attorney Brown:

I am a Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association ("PBA") Unauthorized Practice of Law ("UPL") Committee and at our bi-monthly meeting on September 12, 2018 the email which you had sent to our Co-Chair William F. Hoffmeyer, Esquire relating to the Department of State's Regulation No. 16-59 pertaining to notaries public and the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts was discussed. In particular your email, copy enclosed, indicated the "interested persons" could submit written comments by October 31, 2018.

First of all, the PBA UPL Committee was unanimous in its conclusion that the work done by your Department was highly professional and all-encompassing. Our congratulations are sent in this regard!

The only minor comment that was made would be that the sign which would be posted showing that the notary was not an attorney might also be accompanied by the same statement in Spanish in order to expand any understanding.

Other than that we again compliment you for the outstanding job that was done and look forward to the enactment of the Regulation.

Respectfully submitted,

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