Changes in Acknowledgment, Jurat, Proof of Execution Formats - Effective January 1, 2015

Senate Bill 1050 amends California Civil Code Sections 1189 and 1195; and Government Code Section 8202 regarding Certificates of Acknowledgment, Proof of Execution and Jurats taken in the State of California. The formats shown below are the only ones acceptable to California Recorders for documents acknowledged after December 31, 2014.

Please Note: The physical format of the boxed notice at the top of the following certificates is an example, for purposes of illustration and not limitation, of the physical format of a boxed notice fulfilling the requirements; however a legible notice contained within an enclosed box, in the format shown or similar, is required in all cases.

Acknowledgment - Section 1189 of the Civil Code is amended to read:

1189. (a) (3) Any certificate of acknowledgment taken within this state shall be in the following form:

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of the document.

State of California )
County of __________)  
On __________________________ before me, ________________, (here insert name and title of the officer), personally appeared ________________, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature _______________________________ [ Seal ]

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Jurat - Section 8202 of the Government Code is amended to read:

8202. (b) A jurat executed pursuant to this section shall be in the following form:

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of the document.

State of California  )
County of ______________)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of ______, 20__, by ____________________, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature________________________________ [    Seal    ]

Proof of Execution -Section 1195 of the Civil Code is amended to read:

1195. (e) A certificate for proof of execution taken within this state shall be in the following form:

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of the document.

State of California  )
County of _____________)

On ____ (date), before me, _____ (name and title of officer), personally appeared ____ (name of subscribing witness), proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, as a witness thereto, on the oath of _____ (name of credible witness), a credible witness who is known to me and provided a satisfactory identifying document. ____ (name of subscribing witness), being by me duly sworn, said that he/she was present and saw/heard ____ (name[s] of principal[s]), the same person(s) described in and whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within or attached instrument in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies) as (a) party(ies) thereto, execute or acknowledge executing the same, and that said affiant subscribed his/her name to the within or attached instrument as a witness at the request of ____ (name[s] of principal[s]).

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

Signature________________________________ [    Seal    ]

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of the document.