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Law Firm & Estate Matter Partner Packet — How EMC Handles Attorney-Referred Signings

Prepared for: Estate-planning, probate, and litigation attorneys and their staff who refer or coordinate client signings (wills, trusts, POAs, settlement/release documents) to EMC for witnessing and notarization

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The direct answer, for the attorney reading this

EMC Notary witnesses and notarizes documents your firm has already drafted, wills, revocable trusts, healthcare directives, durable powers of attorney, settlement releases, litigation affidavits. We don't draft, review for legal sufficiency, or advise your client on any of it. What we bring is execution logistics: a commissioned Florida notary (HH619187) and Florida-approved RON provider who can run a multi-signer estate signing in person or remotely, coordinate the witnesses your firm's execution formalities require, produce a properly certified true copy for your file, and hand back a session record your firm can rely on if the execution is ever challenged.

This is the highest-value referral relationship we run, and the reason is simple: estate execution failures (missing witness, wrong notarial certificate, an out-of-state signer who can't get to your office) are expensive to fix after the fact. Getting the execution right the first time is the whole job.

How EMC handles an attorney-referred estate signing

1. **Your firm sends the finished, ready-to-sign document package.** We don't touch drafting. If a document arrives with a drafting gap (missing signature block, incomplete witness lines), we flag it back to your firm before the session, not during it.
2. **We confirm execution formalities against the document type.** Florida wills require two witnesses plus notarization (self-proving affidavit under F.S. §732.503); trusts and healthcare directives have their own witness requirements. We build the session around what the specific instrument needs, not a generic notarization.
3. **Remote family participation.** When a beneficiary, co-trustee, or out-of-state family member can't be in the room, RON lets them participate live: same identity verification (credential analysis plus knowledge-based authentication), same live witnessing, same audio-video session recording, retained for the statutory minimum 10 years (F.S. §117.245). This solves the single most common estate-signing logistics problem: getting every required signer in the same place at the same time.
4. **True-copy certification.** For your file copy, a settlement exhibit, or a court filing, EMC issues a certified true-copy attestation (comparing the copy against the original in our physical or virtual presence) rather than a plain photocopy, giving your firm a document that stands on its own if authenticity is questioned later.
5. **Session record handoff.** You get a completed notarial certificate, journal entry reference, and (for RON) the retained audio-video recording reference, in a form your firm can attach to its own file without extra formatting work on your end.

What EMC does not do (and why that's the point)

We do not draft or revise trust or will language, advise a client on which estate instrument fits their situation, or weigh in on tax or asset-titling strategy. Every one of those is your firm's job, and a notary who blurs into that role creates unauthorized-practice-of-law exposure for both the notary and, indirectly, the referring firm. Keeping the line clean protects your client's execution from a later challenge on the grounds that the "notary was practicing law."

Standing disclaimer, stated to every estate-signing client: *"I am not an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Florida, and I may not give legal*

advice or accept fees for legal advice." (Fla. Stat. §117.05(10)) EMC does not explain what a will or trust means, help a client choose between instruments, or interpret document language for the client during the signing. If a client has a substantive question about the document during the session, we pause and route them back to your firm rather than answer it ourselves.

Firm-facing logistics checklist

- ☐ Send the final, execution-ready document package (no open drafting questions) with a note on which signers need to be present and whether any are remote.
- ☐ Confirm witness requirements for the specific instrument (wills, trusts, and healthcare directives have different Florida witness rules); we'll build the session to match.
- ☐ Flag any signer who is elderly, has a language barrier, or has a competency question in advance, since capacity and undue-influence concerns shape how we run the identity/willingness confirmation (we document what we observe; we don't render a capacity opinion).
- ☐ Tell us if a certified true copy is needed for your file or a court filing, and how many copies.
- ☐ For RON sessions with multiple remote participants, confirm each participant's device/connectivity in advance; a dropped connection mid-signing on a multi-signer estate document is the most common avoidable delay.

Credentials, for your conflicts and vendor-diligence file

Florida commission #HH619187, RON-authorized under F.S. Chapter 117 Part II, \$25,000 Florida RON surety bond (statutory minimum under F.S. §117.225), E&O coverage on file. Full credential detail available on request for firm vendor-approval files.

Next step

If your firm refers estate or litigation signings regularly, we can set up a standing intake process (a shared referral form, direct scheduling line, or a recurring block of

session slots) so getting a client to signing doesn't require a fresh phone tag every time.

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Official form sources (verified 2026-07-09)

[Fla. Stat. §117.05 — notarial certificates, true-copy certification authority](#)

Governs certificate wording and non-attorney advertising disclaimer (subsection 10).

[Fla. Stat. Chapter 117, Part II — Online Notarizations \(RON\)](#)

Governs remote witness coordination, recording/retention (10-year minimum, §117.245), and E&O/bond requirements referenced below.

WHAT THIS IS AND ISN'T

EMC Notary (Evan McCall) is a Florida-commissioned notary public and Florida-approved Remote Online Notary, commission HH619187. A notary verifies identity and witnesses signatures — a notary is not an attorney and does not draft, review, or advise on the legal sufficiency of any document. "I am not an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Florida, and I may not give legal advice or accept fees for legal advice." (Fla. Stat. §117.05(10)) Every form in this packet is either an official government form, linked from its source agency, or an EMC-authored checklist, never a legal instrument drafted for your specific situation. For document drafting, review, or legal-sufficiency questions, consult your attorney.

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