

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 742

ATTORNEY AS WITNESS –
NOTARIZATION – ATTORNEY'S
STAFF AS NOTARY.

It is not unethical per se for a lawyer to notarize his client's signature so long as there is no probability, under the circumstances, that the lawyer will be a witness in regard to the notarized signature. There is no prohibition against a lawyer's secretary notarizing the signature of the lawyer's client nor against the lawyer notarizing a nonclient's signature. [See DR:5-101(B) and DR:102(A). LE Op. 742 modifies LE Op. 618 and LE Op. 626.]

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