

Rule 5.6 Improper Documents.

- A. A notary shall not notarize a signature:
 - 1. on a blank or incomplete document; or
 - 2. on a document without notarial certificate wording.
 - 3. When he/she has good reason to believe that the certification is desired for an unlawful or improper purpose. It is therefore, the duty of the notary to examine the document, as may be necessary to establish that the requested notarization is appropriate and not contrary to public interest.
 - B. A notary shall neither certify nor authenticate a photograph.
 - C. A notary who is not an employee of the issuing government agency shall neither certify nor authenticate a copy of any official government document including but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Birth Certificate
 - 2. Death Certificate
 - 3. Driver's License
 - 4. Passport
 - 5. Social Security Card
 - 6. Any official government issued identity card
- Nothing in this section shall prohibit a Notary from notarizing a signature on a document which has a copy of an official government document embedded or attached as an exhibit.

Source: Section 25-33-1 et seq. Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.