



**NOTARIZATIONS NOW PERMITTED BY VIDEOCONFERENCE
UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.7**

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Ordinarily, notaries may only notarize the signature of a person who appears before them in person. Executive Order 202.7 now permits notarizations required under New York law to be performed by videoconference through April 18, 2020, provided certain conditions are met, including:

- The person seeking the notary's services, if not personally known to the notary, must present valid photo ID to the notary during the videoconference, not before or after.
- The videoconference must allow for direct interaction, and cannot be accomplished merely by the transmission of a recording of the person signing the document to be notarized.
- The person seeking the notary's services must affirmatively represent that he or she is located within the state of New York.
- The person signing the document must fax or electronically send a legible copy of the signed document to the notary on the same day it was signed.
- The notary may notarize the faxed or electronically transmitted document and send it back to the person who signed it.
- The notary may repeat the notarization of the original signed document as of the date it was first signed if the notary receives the original signed document and a copy of the electronically notarized document within 30 days after it was signed.

If you need assistance in interpreting the provisions of Executive Order 202.7 or ESDC's guidance, please contact Jessica M. Baquet, the Chair of our Labor and Employment practice group, at (516) 393-8292 or jbaquet@jaspanllp.com.