



July 2024



FROM THE PRESIDENT

How important is continuing education to you? In addition to the many hats I wear, I am a licensed North Carolina Realtor. As Broker in Charge, I am required to complete eight (8) hours of continuing education before I can renew my annual license. To be honest with you, in my opinion, this is just a minimal amount of training that I should be required to take to be good at my job. If I listed the training I took over and above this measure in only the past year, this would be a two page letter.

This year I completed two designation trainings which I believe will make me more valuable to my clients and elevate the level of customer service I am able to provide. Do you view your position as a Licensed North Carolina Notary Public the same way? You are only required to complete the initial training for regular notary at the beginning of your Notary journey. At the end of your term, you might be able to take the shortcut and simply “pass the test” on the website with no other formal training required. Is this “ALL” the training you need as a Notary in order to do the best job for your clients and customers? I would argue, **NO!**

Many of you search for advice on the NCNA Facebook, the North Carolina Notary Network, along with numerous other online search engines focusing on Notary work. Some of you have invested more in your value as a Notary Public. You might be a member of the National Notary Association (NNA), or you might be a member of North Carolina Notary Association (NCNA). This demonstrates you are serious about being the best Notary you can be.

Last year in Wilmington, we did a “bang up” job with the annual conference. Speakers and topics were pertinent to all notaries in all professions. This year in Charlotte, we are looking to do the same. We have fantastic speakers lined up to discuss and share information on pertinent topics in order to help you be the best Notary Public you can be. **Come join us!!**

It is not FREE!! Nothing of value is free; however, we are extending the discount registration period so you can register, attend, and learn. We promise you will receive value for your investment. I stated earlier that I believed the additional training I took as a Realtor made me more valuable to my clients and elevated the level of customer service I am able to provide. This is what we are planning to do for you by providing this learning and networking opportunity for you.

Join today!! Register today @ www.ncnotary.org/annual-conference, you will be so happy you did.



Scan the QR code to register for the
conference.

Judy Chapman



North Carolina Notary Association

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22nd Annual Conference

"Shaping the Future of NC Notaries Public"

August 2-3, 2024

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Registration is open until July 17th for In-Person Attendance and July 31st for Live Streaming Attendance or Recording. Ticket prices start at \$25.00.

NC SOS Notary Chat is a FREE event but you must register as seating is limited.

For corporate or government group registration please email membership@ncnotary.org to expedite the process. For more information visit ncnotary.org/annual-conference



August 2nd Morning 3 Training Courses

Electronic Notary Public Course

Notary Basic Accelerated

Crash Course on DMV Documents

Notary Chat

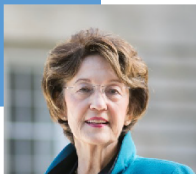
North Carolina Secretary of State's Notary Chat
With Secretary Marshall & Ozie Stallworth

Afternoon

Evening Meet & Greet

Join us in the evening for our Meet & Greet event, which will include light refreshments, meet your NC NNA Ambassadors, networking opportunities with fellow notaries, and the announcement of the scholarship winners.

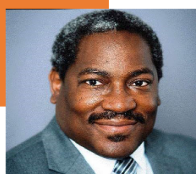
Special Guest



**The Honorable
Elaine Marshall**

NC Secretary of State

Keynote Speaker



Ozie Stallworth

**Director, eNotarization
and Enforcement**

NC Secretary of State

Special Guest



**Commissioner Wayne
Goodwin**

NC Division of Motor
Vehicles

August 3rd Conference Day

Join us for the day as we learn:

More about **Voter Absentee Ballots**

How to spot a **Fake ID**

What to watch out for with **Sovereign Citizens**

And

Updates on **Remote Electronic Notarization Act
(RENA)**

FREE MONEY

This year the NCNA will be continuing its educational scholarship program. There will be three \$500 scholarships to award this year. Scholarships will be awarded based on: Need - Merit- Seeking Higher Education. Deadline to apply - June 30, 2024 For more info, visit www.ncnotary.org

Breakfast & Lunch

Exhibit Tables

* Classes include breakfast. Conference include breakfast & lunch

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Conference Rates Reduced to \$145!

To better accommodate our membership's busy and taxing schedules, your NCNA registration for the 2024 Annual Conference Early Bird Registration has been extended.

Need to Register a group?

Do you work for the government or a company looking to send a group to attend the NCNA 22nd Annual Conference?

Send an email to membership@ncnotary.org to register your group.

You can now use afterpay to pay for your registration for the conference. If approved you can break up the purchase into 4 smaller biweekly payments.

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Scan the QR Codes below to

Join



Conference Registration/Hotel Booking



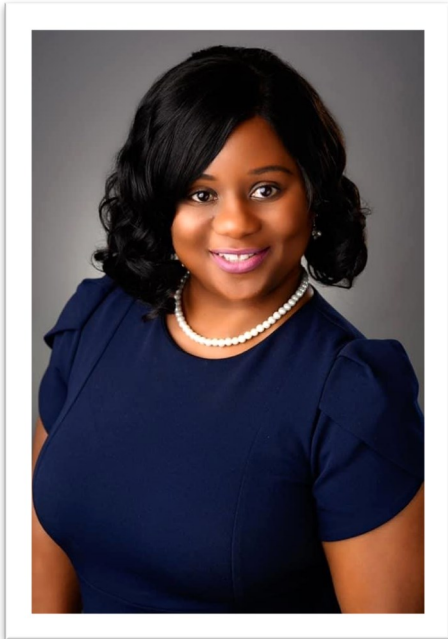
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Peep Some of Our Presenters



eNotary Class Instructor August 2, 2024

Alisha DeBerry is a distinguished Notary Public instructor with over a decade of experience in teaching the Notary Public course. Her extensive knowledge and dedication to the field have made her a highly sought after educator. Alisha has had the honor of being one of four finalists selected as Notary of the Year for the National Notary Association in 2017, a testament to her exceptional contributions to the profession.

In addition to her role as an educator, Alisha is a managing member of Platinum Group Realty, where she serves as the Broker in Charge in both North Carolina and South Carolina.

Her leadership and expertise have been pivotal in guiding the company's success.

Alisha also holds the position of Education Director at the Platinum Institute of Real Estate. In this capacity, she serves as the lead instructor, providing comprehensive real estate education, including Pre-licensing, Continuing Education, and Post Licensing courses. Her ability to deliver high-quality education has positively impacted thousands of students throughout her career.

Alisha's expertise extends beyond the classroom. She has been featured as a panelist for the NC Secretary of State Annual eMortgage Closing conference, sharing her insights on the evolving landscape of electronic notary practices. Her contributions to the field have helped shape the future of notarial practices in North Carolina.

With a passion for education and a commitment to excellence, Alisha DeBerry continues to inspire and educate the next generation of notaries and real estate professionals. Her involvement in the NC Notary Association conference, where she will be teaching the eNotary class, is a reflection of her dedication to advancing the profession and supporting her peers in the industry. Alisha's accolades and achievements underscore her role as a leader and innovator in the notary and real estate education fields. Attendees of the NC Notary Association conference will benefit immensely from her expertise and experience.



Peep Some of Our Presenters

Notary Basic Accelerated
Instructor
August 2, 2024



I'm **Belinda B. Bennett**. I'm a Commissioned North Carolina Notary Public Instructor, a self-made coach, and a business management expert who has worked with several entrepreneurs for over 15 years. I worked with a property management company for over 7 years, and within the 3rd year of working with them, I helped double their sales along with their retention rate with tenants and landlords. I worked for a home improvement company for 3 years, and by the second year, I had helped triple their sales and customer retention rate. My background as a Commissioned Notary Public began in 1998.

My entrepreneurial background began when I was in high school; however, it became official in 2007 when I established my notary business. My business started out as a sole proprietorship, then grew into a DBA, and eventually became an LLC. It's my belief that I should teach from my personal experiences and what I study and help others avoid wasting time on where to begin. I understand humble beginnings, and this is why my training and coaching services are very affordable, reasonable, beneficial as well as unconventional like my lifestyle.

Always be learning. Once you gain the knowledge and understand how to apply it, you will always have access to earning income as you offer a service or product. I believe in creating a solution and not complaining about the problem. Creating core training and continuing education for North Carolina notaries and being able to teach as well as coach is very rewarding and fulfilling. That's also my definition of **SUCCESS!**



Peep Some of Our Presenters

Crash Course on DMV Documents Instructor

August 2, 2024



Melanie McFarland is a seasoned Staff Development Specialist at the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, bringing over 18 years of expertise in vehicle services to her role. She is recognized as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in Vehicle Registration, For Hire and International Registration Plan (IRP), and Staff

Development. Prior to her current position, Melanie dedicated herself to shaping young minds as an educator in early childhood education within the Gaston County Public School System.

Melanie earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Growing up as an Air Force “brat” instilled in her a sense of adaptability and appreciation for diverse perspectives. Currently residing in Belmont, NC, Melanie cherishes time spent with loved ones, indulging in the serenity of music and the beauty of waterfalls outside of her professional endeavors.

To register for the Crash Course on
DMV Documents and the
Conference scan the QR.





Peep Some of Our Presenters

Crash Course on DMV Documents

Instructor

August 2, 2024

Cynthia A. Simmons brings over 17 years of dedicated service to the Division of Motor Vehicles, based in Bladen County, NC.

After earning her bachelor's degree from Fayetteville State University, she returned to UNC Pembroke for education and worked in that field until starting with the DMV in the customer contact center in 2007.

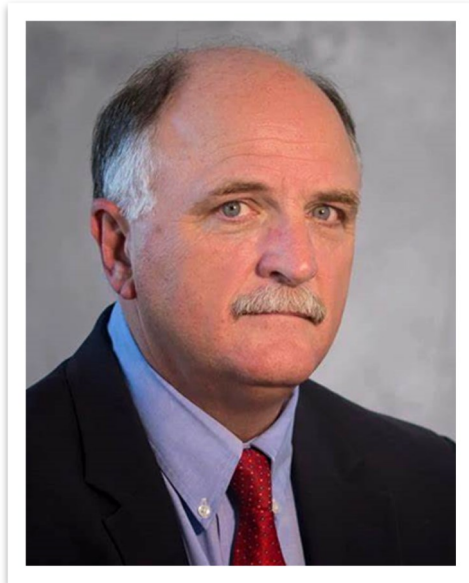
Cynthia has become a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in the fields of Vehicle Registration, Driver License, Suspensions and Liability Insurance. She progressed to become a supervisor in 2011 and currently holds the role of Staff Development Specialist since 2021. Throughout her tenure, Cynthia has fostered a close-knit team environment at the DMV, where colleagues have become like family, supporting her through various life experiences.

Beyond her professional achievements, Cynthia finds joy in artistic pursuits such as painting, cultivating gardens, and indulging in beach activities. She treasures quality time spent with her loved ones, both at home and within her church community. Passionate about her work, Cynthia takes pride in assisting individuals with resolving DMV-related issues and looks forward to contributing to the organization's mission for years to come.

Be sure to check out our 2024 Conference Sponsors on Page 10.



Peep Some of Our Presenters



Notary Public and the Absentee Ballot August 3, 2024

Michael Dickerson is the director of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections. He is responsible for administering the election process for the U.S. citizens of Mecklenburg County, including voter administration, precinct management, absentee and early voting, candidate registration, and campaign finance. He joined the County in 1998 as director.

Previously, he served as a deputy assistant staff director for the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.

Michael holds a bachelor's degree from Guilford College.

Professional Organizations

- Elections Assistance Commission Standards Board
- International Association of Government Officials
- North Carolina Directors of Elections

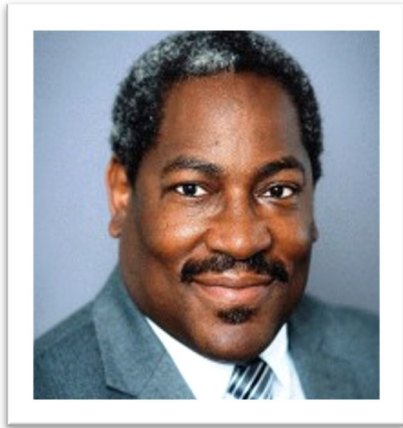
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Are you interested in getting more involved in the North Carolina Notary Association?

We are looking for members to serve on the Executive Board and various standing committees. This is your opportunity to help direct the future of the NCNA and help plan our biggest event of the year—the Annual Conference. **Scan the QR to learn more and to sign up.**



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Remote Electronic Notarization Act Updates August 3, 2024

Mr. Ozie Stallworth, the 2020 recipient of the North Carolina Governor's Award for Excellence in Innovation and Efficiency arguably has more experience in the unique area of eNotarization than any other individual in the country and easily qualifies as the nation's foremost expert on eNotary policies, procedures and implementation and is the Department's resident expert on eCommerce.

Among his many accomplishments in the field of eCommerce is launching the North Carolina eClosing Initiative after successfully overseeing the execution of the first electronic mortgage closing in the history of North Carolina. The first electronic recording of a plat in the nation also was completed under his direction in addition to directing the efforts of the Secretary of State's office to promulgate rules for electronic notarization and electronic recording, resulting in nearly 90% of the state's population having access to electronic recording; and organizing the first international conference on electronic notarizations and electronic apostilles with the Hague Conference, the International Union of Latin Notaries and the National Notary Association (NNA).

Stallworth served on the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's Digital Signature Higher Assurance Work Group to procure an enterprise eSignature solution (DocuSign) for use by state and local government agencies, and routinely consults with officials within state government, principals in the business community as well as trade association executives on electronic signature laws, practices and policies.

He also developed the Secretary of State's Continuing Legal Education Series where he develops and presents courses on eCommerce and notary subject matter as a means to educate the state's legal community on the laws governing electronic commerce. Stallworth also regularly teaches notary and electronic notary courses at Wake Tech Community College and North Carolina State University.



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