

# Notario Público



**In some Spanish speaking countries, a Notario Público is a trained legal advisor. But in the United States, a Notary Public is not a trained legal advisor.**

***In the U.S. a Notary Public is a public officer and is authorized to perform only the following two services for you:***

- certify that you have acknowledged that you signed a document, called “notarizing” a document.
- administer and certify an oath in which you swear to the truth of the statements you make on a document.



***In the State of New York, it is illegal for a Notary Public to:***

- give you legal advice.
- help you complete government forms or applications.
- assist you with immigration applications or filings.
- certify the accuracy of a copy of any document, such as a birth certificate, passport, visa, marriage license, etc.



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