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DUTIES AND LIABILITIES OF NOTARIES AS PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN CRIMINAL LAW

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ABSTRACT

Notaries are public officials who play a crucial role in the legal system by attesting to the authenticity of documents and administering oaths. However, their position of trust also comes with certain duties and liabilities, especially in the context of criminal law. One of the primary duties of notaries in criminal law is to verify the identity of the parties involved in the transaction and ensure that they are acting of their own free will. They must also ensure that the documents being notarized are legal and do not violate any laws or regulations. Failure to perform these duties can result in criminal liability for the notary. Notaries may also be held criminally liable for knowingly or recklessly notarizing false or fraudulent documents, or for intentionally falsifying information in a document. In some cases, notaries may be held liable for aiding and abetting criminal activities, such as fraud or money laundering, if they are found to have knowingly assisted in the commission of such crimes.

KEYWORDS

Duties, liabilities, notaries, public officials, criminal law, authenticity, identity verification, legal documents, fraud, money laundering, legal consequences.

INTRODUCTION

Notaries are public officials who play a crucial role in ensuring the authenticity and validity of legal documents. In the criminal law perspective, a notary's duties and liabilities are significant. This article discusses the duties and liabilities of notaries as public officials in criminal law. Notaries are public officials

who are responsible for ensuring the authenticity and validity of legal documents. Their primary duty is to verify the identity of the parties involved in a transaction and ensure that they understand the content and implications of the documents they are signing. In many jurisdictions, notaries may also

administer oaths, affirmations, and acknowledgments. However, in the criminal law perspective, the duties and liabilities of notaries as public officials are significant and require a deeper understanding. This article aims to discuss the roles, responsibilities, and potential liabilities of notaries as public officials in the context of criminal law. By examining existing laws and regulations related to notaries, this article provides a comprehensive overview of the duties and liabilities that notaries face in their work as public officials in the criminal justice system.

METHODS

This article is a literature review of existing laws and regulations related to the duties and liabilities of notaries in criminal law. The method used in this article is a literature review of existing laws and regulations related to the duties and liabilities of notaries as public officials in criminal law. Relevant legislation and case law were examined to provide a comprehensive overview of the topic. Additionally, academic articles, government reports, and other authoritative sources were reviewed to gather information on best practices and emerging issues in the field. The information gathered from the literature review was analyzed and synthesized to provide a clear and concise overview of the duties and liabilities of notaries as public officials in the criminal justice system.

RESULTS

If a notary fails to perform their duties properly, they may be held liable for any damages or losses resulting from their negligence or misconduct. In criminal law, notaries may face charges for forgery or fraud if they knowingly notarize a forged document. Notaries may also be held liable for any losses resulting from a

transaction if they fail to properly identify a party. The primary result of this article is an overview of the duties and liabilities of notaries as public officials in the criminal justice system. If a notary fails to perform their duties properly, they may be held liable for any damages or losses resulting from their negligence or misconduct. In criminal law, notaries may face charges for forgery or fraud if they knowingly notarize a forged document. Notaries may also be held liable for any losses resulting from a transaction if they fail to properly identify a party. It is essential for notaries to understand their responsibilities and take steps to ensure they are performing their duties to the best of their ability to avoid potential legal and financial consequences. By examining existing laws and regulations related to notaries, this article provides a comprehensive overview of the duties and liabilities that notaries face in their work as public officials in the criminal justice system.

DISCUSSION

Notaries play a crucial role in ensuring the integrity of legal documents. In criminal law, their duties and liabilities are significant, and failure to perform their duties properly can result in serious consequences. Notaries should be aware of their responsibilities and take steps to ensure they are performing their duties to the best of their ability. Notaries play a crucial role in ensuring the authenticity and validity of legal documents, and their duties and liabilities are significant in the criminal law perspective. Notaries are responsible for verifying the identity of the parties involved in a transaction and ensuring that they understand the content and implications of the documents they are signing. Failure to perform these duties properly can result in serious legal and financial consequences.

One of the primary liabilities that notaries face in criminal law is the potential for charges of forgery or fraud if they knowingly notarize a forged document. This can lead to criminal charges and potential civil liability if the forged document results in damages or losses. Notaries may also be held liable if they fail to properly identify a party in a transaction, which can result in losses for one or both parties.

Notaries must be aware of their responsibilities and take steps to ensure they are performing their duties to the best of their ability. This includes verifying the identity of the parties involved, ensuring they understand the content and implications of the document, and keeping accurate records of the transaction. Notaries should also be familiar with the relevant laws and regulations governing their work as public officials in the criminal justice system.

It is important to note that notaries are not legal professionals, and they cannot provide legal advice or make legal decisions. They must remain impartial and ensure that the documents they are notarizing are legally valid. If there is any doubt about the validity of a document or the identity of a party, notaries should refuse to notarize the document and seek legal advice.

CONCLUSION

The duties and liabilities of notaries as public officials in criminal law are significant. It is important for notaries to understand their responsibilities and to take steps to ensure that they are performing their duties to the best of their ability, in order to avoid potential legal and financial consequences.

In summary, the duties and liabilities of notaries as public officials in criminal law are complex and important. Notaries play a crucial role in ensuring the

authenticity and validity of legal documents, and failure to perform their duties properly can result in serious consequences. Therefore, it is important for notaries to be aware of their responsibilities and take steps to ensure they are performing their duties to the best of their ability. In conclusion, notaries serve a vital role as public officials in the criminal justice system by ensuring the authenticity and validity of legal documents. Their duties and liabilities are significant in criminal law, and failure to perform their duties properly can result in serious legal and financial consequences. Notaries must be aware of their responsibilities, follow relevant laws and regulations, and take steps to ensure they are performing their duties to the best of their ability. If there is any doubt about the validity of a document or the identity of a party, notaries should refuse to notarize the document and seek legal advice. By fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, notaries can help ensure the integrity of legal documents and transactions, and contribute to the proper functioning of the criminal justice system.

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