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Electronic Notarization Director

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**Biography**

Mr. Stallworth has vast and intimate knowledge of notarial practices and procedures, and unmatched expertise in the burgeoning field of electronic notarization, which is why he was recruited to develop policies and standards for North Carolina's statewide eCommerce initiative.

Among his many accomplishments in the field of eCommerce is directing the efforts of the Secretary of State's office to promulgate rules for electronic notarization and electronic recording through the Electronic Notary Council and the Electronic Recording Council, the development of the first electronic notary journal, organizing the first international conference on electronic notarizations and electronic apostilles with the Hague Conference and the International Union of Latin Notaries, contributing to the development of the National Notary Association's Model Notary Act, on which North Carolina's E-notary laws are based, developing educational programs for notaries in 25 states and teaching notary training courses to thousands of notaries throughout the country over the past 12 years.

Stallworth has also been charged with directing the largest and most sophisticated Notary Enforcement Division in the country and oversees statewide investigations of notary complaints that may result in civil or criminal penalties being levied against commissioned notaries public. Stallworth is an expert witness on notary cases and routinely engages and collaborates with other law enforcement agencies when notary misconduct intertwines with other criminal activities. Stallworth also serves on the North Carolina Mortgage Fraud Workgroup.

Mr. Stallworth arguably has more experience in the unique area of electronic notarization than any other individual in the country and easily qualifies as the nation's foremost expert on eNotary policies, procedures and implementation. A commissioned North Carolina Notary, registered eNotary and notarial practices expert, Stallworth graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and public relations and has recently been named by the National Notary Association as one of the 50 most influential people in the field of notarization over the past 50 years.

Mr. Stallworth resides in Fuquay-Varina, NC with his wife of 12 years Maria, and his 4 children, Hilton, seven; Olivia, five, Nelson, three and Winston, one.