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Pennsylvania Joins the Party and Enacts a New Remote Notarization Statute

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Under the new law, a notary public can notarize documents executed by a signatory who is not in the notary public's vicinity so long as the two parties appear before each other via communication technology. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated every legal and business trend, from Zoom meetings to outdoor dining. Remote notarization is no different, and sometimes lawmakers act without much fanfare.

On October 29, 2020, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed into law House Bill 2370, which permits remote notarizations of certain documents in Pennsylvania. The law takes immediate effect. Under the new law, a notary public can notarize documents executed by a signatory who is not in the notary public's vicinity so long as the two parties appear before each other via communication technology. To conduct a remote notarization, the signatory and notary public must meet four requirements. First, the notary public must either have personal knowledge of the signatory, be presented with satisfactory evidence of the signatory's identity, or reasonably identify the signatory by at least two different forms of identity proofing processes. Second, the notary public must verify the document before them is the same document that the signatory is executing. Third, the notary public, or an agent of the notary public, must create an audio-visual recording of the notarial act. Fourth, the notarial certificate must indicate that the notarial act was performed through a form of communication technology. ([Read complete article.](#))



PRIA LOCAL News

In November, there are two PRIA Local Chapter meetings planned - both remote via Zoom. **Pure Michigan** is meeting on November 12 and **Greater Wisconsin** is meeting today, November 10th. Check out their agendas on both their [PRIA Local webpages](#).

And just a reminder, that we have two PowerPoint presentations available to help you talk

about both PRIA and PRIA Local to your local groups: a) [All About PRIA Local](#), and, b) [All About PRIA](#). Please feel free to use these presentations to discuss with your colleagues the benefits of being part of PRIA and for starting your own PRIA Local Chapters.

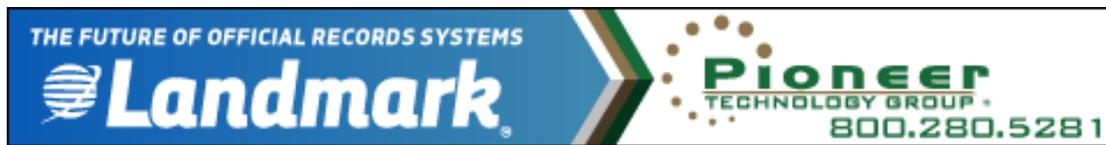
As always, please contact us anytime. We'd love to hear your thoughts and questions about having a [PRIA Local](#) Chapter of your own.

Demand for Electronic Solutions and Strong Origination Volumes Drive Record Registrations on the MERS eRegistry

excerpted from [Rome News Tribune 10/21/20](#)

MERSCORP Holdings, Inc. ("MERSCORP"), now ICE Mortgage Technology, a division of Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE), a leading operator of global exchanges and clearing houses and provider of mortgage technology, data and listings services, announced record registrations for the MERS® eRegistry. This activity is being driven by a number of factors, including strong industry-wide origination volumes and a movement by lenders and originators to adopt digital mortgage solutions that include eNotes.

An electronic note, or eNote, is the functional equivalent of a paper promissory note when created in conformity with eCommerce law requirements, and upon origination, is registered on the MERS® eRegistry. MERS member institutions, including lenders and originators, registered 286,403 eNotes January through September 2020, more than twice the number of eNotes registered in all of 2019. Additionally, September 2020 set a record with 51,234 eNotes registered on the MERS® eRegistry. ([Read complete article.](#))



MISMO Introduces Logical Data Model

excerpted from [National Mortgage Professional 10/26/20](#)

MISMO, the standards development body for the mortgage industry released its logical data model (LDM) as the next generation of the MISMO data exchange, according to a recent press release. The new model has the ability to support any technology a company decides to use, including support for XML and JSON.

"The expanded capabilities of the LDM will make it easier for organizations to communicate with their business partners, which will lead to greater efficiencies within our industry," said Randy Poirier, vice president of data solutions at Black Knight and chair of MISMO's Residential Standards Governance Committee. "Given the expanded use of mobile devices, it was essential that MISMO expand the LDM capabilities in support of this growing mobile communication trend within the mortgage industry. MISMO has created a set of user guidelines to help industry participants adopt and implement the LDM in their business processes." ([Read complete article.](#))

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Hawaii Amends Notary Law to Allow Remote Notarizations

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Hawaii Governor David Ige recently signed into law a bill, Senate Bill 2275 (SB 2275), which revises Hawaii's notary law to allow remote notarizations. The changes made by SB 2275 will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

Prior to performing a remote notarial act, SB 2275 requires remote online notaries public to be commissioned by the Hawaii Attorney General (AG) and to notify the AG of the communication technology they plan to use. Additionally, among other things, remote online notaries public must create an audio-visual recording of the remote notarial act and retain this recording for at least ten years. ([Read complete article.](#))



Smart Local Government Work is Laying the Foundation for COVID Innovations

excerpted from [Government Technology 10/30/20](#)

Data-sharing, more digitally supported services and increased public meetings participation are some of the unexpected silver linings cities and counties have encountered in the last eight months of the COVID-19 crisis.

The pandemic upended nearly every aspect of local government operations and immediately tasked systems — known for their data collection and analysis — with ensuring local services resiliency when faced with unprecedented headwinds.

The pandemic has forced local government to reassess their digital presence to see where there are gaps that might prevent residents from accessing city and county government digitally.

The pandemic has also prompted changes related to touchless interactions and physical distancing, which are also likely here to stay. There's an ongoing conversation about personal rights at this time and as painful and as unproductive as that sometimes feels, a lot of dialog is being gathered that's going to help local governments in the future really talk about distances between people and personal safety. In many ways, the COVID-19 crisis is breaking down some of the jurisdictional boundaries that surround data-sharing and enabled decision-making. ([Read complete article.](#))

Granicus Acquires Gov-Focused Software Company Calytera

excerpted from [Government Technology 10/30/20](#)

A year after launching its proprietary platform for digital government services, Granicus is incorporating another set of permitting and licensing tools with the acquisition of Calytera, a software company with hundreds of government clients.

The acquisition consolidates two GT100 companies with overlapping trajectories, as both have been shifting their focus over the past year toward software solutions to help governments digitize business processes and citizen services. Granicus' software for government had focused largely on communicating with citizens and building websites until 2019, when it announced a pair of acquisitions and the launch of its own digital services platform. ([Read complete article.](#))

ALTA NEWS - Learn How Standardized Templates Can Reduce Closing Delays

excerpted from *ALTA Advocacy Update*, by Diane Tomb, ALTA CEO, 10/26/20

On Nov. 12, join ALTA for a **free webinar**, "Introduction to the Uniform Closing Instructions." For the past few years, ALTA and the Mortgage Bankers Association have worked with the Mortgage Industry Standards Maintenance Organization (MISMO) to create uniform closing instructions. Because of this collaborative effort, the title and mortgage industries now have standardized templates. This means title and settlement agents will no longer have to search through pages of instructions for information they need. This webinar will review the new format and organization of the closing instructions.

- Speakers: Jim Lamphere | Vice President, Title & Escrow | HomeServices of America and Kate Steineman | Vice President, Business Liaison Manager | Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
- Date/Time: 1-2 p.m. ET, Nov. 12
- [Register Today](#)

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