

COLORADO REVISED STATUTES

12-55-110.3. ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SERVICES - UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW - PROHIBITED CONDUCT - PENALTIES.

(1) (a) A notary public who is not a licensed attorney in the state of Colorado and who advertises, including by signage, his or her services in a language other than English shall include in the advertisement the following notice, both in English and in the language of the advertisement:

“I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE OF COLORADO AND I MAY NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR ACCEPT FEES FOR LEGAL ADVICE.”

(b) All written advertisements shall include the language exactly as written in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1). Such language shall be clearly visible. Oral advertisements or solicitations, including those on radio or television, shall contain the same message but shall not be required to use the exact language.

(2) A notary public who advertises in a language other than English shall post a list of fees permitted by law for notarial services. Such list shall be written in English and in the language of the advertisement and shall be posted in a highly visible location at the notary’s place of business. Such list shall include the notice included in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) (a) A notary public who is not a licensed attorney in the state of Colorado shall not represent or advertise himself or herself as an immigration consultant or an expert on immigration matters.

(b) A notary public who is not an attorney licensed to practice law in Colorado is prohibited from:

(I) Providing any service that constitutes the unauthorized practice of law;

(II) Stating or implying that he or she is an attorney licensed to practice law in this state;

(III) Soliciting or accepting compensation to prepare documents for or otherwise represent the interest of another in a judicial or administrative proceeding, including a proceeding relating to immigration to the United States, United States citizenship, or related matters;

(IV) Soliciting or accepting compensation to obtain relief of any kind on behalf of another from any officer, agency, or employee of the state of Colorado or of the United States; or

(V) Using the phrase “notario” or “notario publico” to advertise the services of a notary public, whether by sign, pamphlet, stationery, or other written communication or by radio, television, or other nonwritten communication.

(4) Knowing and willful violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a deceptive trade practice pursuant to section 6-1-105, C.R.S., and shall also constitute official misconduct pursuant to section 12-55-116.

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