

**\$500**

Willful failure to notify the Secretary of State of an address change or a name change.

**\$750**

1. Over-charging for notarial services;
2. Failing to complete the notary wording in an Acknowledgment or Jurat at the time of notarization;
3. Failing to give the oath or affirmation when required;
4. Negligently failing to discharge fully and faithfully any of the duties or responsibilities required of a notary public.

**\$1,000**

Acting as an attorney by illegally giving legal advice or assistance including selecting an Acknowledgement or Jurat for the signer.

## Summary of Fines

**\$1,500**

1. False or misleading advertising;
2. Commission of any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit;
3. Execution of any certificate as a notary public containing a statement known to the notary public to be false;
4. Immigration specialist or consultant advertising that he or she is a notary public
5. Violating the restrictions on charging to assist in the completion of immigration forms
6. Violating the restrictions on advertising notarial services in a language other than English
7. Translating the words “notary public” into Spanish.
8. Unauthorized manufacture, duplication, or sale of the notary public seal and related offenses, including a failure to notify the California Secretary of State that a notary public seal is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged.

**\$10,000**

1. Failing to obtain id for a credible witness;
2. Committing perjury by falsifying an acknowledgment.

**\$75,000**

Forging documents or filing forged instruments with the county recorder which affects title to, places an encumbrance on, or places an interest secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on, real property.