

Important News: Illinois Notary Bond Change

Mesirow Financial's Insurance Services Division was recently notified that the State of Illinois made an unannounced change to the notary application/bond form in February 2010. **The change requires that a valid Illinois Drivers License or an Illinois ID card number be listed on the application, and a legible copy of the card must be attached to the application.** The new application is available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

We have alerted CNA/Western Surety Company (the largest surety provider of notary bonds) and they are now working with the State, and internally, to get the new notary application on line, which would allow notary bonds to be processed electronically.

Effective 3-31-10 (this is a state processing date as notary bonds do not have an effective date, only a commission date) **the State will start rejecting all application packets that do not utilize the new application.** You may receive the above mentioned rejection letter, along with all documents originally submitted.

Should your notary bond application package be rejected, please return the rejected bond to Mesirow Financial's Insurance Services Division. We will reissue the bond on the new form and return it to you for resubmission to the State.

For new notary bonds or renewal notary bonds, not already processed, we will process the bond on the new form and return to you for submission to the State.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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This article is intended as an overview and should not be viewed as legal advice. Please consult with your attorney if you have any questions.