Notary Public Changes – EFFECTIVE 1/1/2025

Effective 1/1/2025, Georgia's notaries public will be required to:

- Complete an educational training course as part of the application process
    - The educational requirement applies to ALL notary applicants, whether an initial (new) application or renewal application
    - The educational course is free-of-charge and is available at https://eLearn.gsccca.org
- Notaries public must maintain a journal of their notarial acts performed for real estate documents at the request of a self-filer. Journal entries shall include:
        - The name of the self-filer
        - The self-filer's address
        - The self-filer's telephone number
        - The date, time and location of notarization
        - The type of government-issued photo identification document presented by the self-filer, unless the self-filer was confirmed based on personal knowledge
        - Elements of such identification documents, if applicable, including any identifying number
        - The self-filer's signature
        - The type of document presented for notarization

The new requirements become effective January 1, 2025.