

INTRODUCING YOUR **2014** NOTARY OF THE YEAR HONOREES

Notary of the Year Honorees epitomize the best traditions and highest level of professionalism of the Notary Public office. Join us at the **NNA 2014 Conference in Phoenix, Arizona**, this June to honor these dedicated individuals and find out who will be named Notary of the Year.



“You have to be a self-motivated and trustworthy individual to be able to represent yourself as a Notary.”

Valerie Barrett

Going Above And Beyond For Her Community

Home: Irvine, California

Occupation: Mobile Notary

Years She Has Been A Notary: 6

Valerie Barrett goes above and beyond for the people of her community. Whether she's mentoring new Notaries, attending to signers with health problems, or working with children in foster care, Barrett always makes time for those in need.

She first became a Notary in 2008, while working as an appraiser. When the real estate market crashed it was hard to find appraisal work, so Barrett chose to focus on marketing her Notary services. Today, she performs assignments for adoption attorneys, patent attorneys, banks and many other businesses. "One of the things I enjoy most is the opportunity to work with all kinds of people," she said.

Barrett doesn't see her commission simply as a means of income. It also creates an opportunity to help others in her community. While offering free notarial services to people in need, she often befriends signers, running errands or picking up food for them if they can't do so themselves.

Barrett also volunteers with a program called CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), providing meals for children in the foster care system and helping them with tips on resumes, job interviews and other important future life skills.

"Notaries are a positive influence and provide a valuable service when someone is signing documents."