

Apostille vs Notary

Like Godzilla vs King Kong the epic battle between what is an apostille vs what is a notary.

An apostille or apostille certificate can only be issued by state secretaries of state offices in the U.S or by the U.S Department of State in Washington D.C.

A state or federal apostille certificate is an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper that is stapled (Texas level) or a grommet is attached (federal level).

A U.S. or Texas notary public cannot issue an apostille on any legal document in the United States.

A U.S. notary public in contrast simply verifies a person's identity when they're presented with a valid government photo identification.

Then they watch a person sign legal documents in front of them.

Then the notary signs their name, dates, and places their state-issued notary stamp on the document to complete the notarization of the document process.