

## Trusts & Estates Law Alert: Remote Notarization

During this time of concern for our loved ones and friends, we would like to reach out to all of you to provide our support. We know everyone is getting used to a new normal, each of us navigating new work and family routines. Through all of this, we want to be sure you have the legal support you need to take care of your family and business.

On March 19, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued [Executive Order No. 202.7](#) which temporarily suspends through April 18, 2020 the rule requiring physical appearance before a notary public. This permits remote notarization, which allows us to continue with the preparation and execution of necessary estate planning documents. Please do not forget about the estate planning side of your affairs. It is incredibly important, now more than ever, to make sure your health care proxies and powers of attorney are in order. We are working remotely and are available, as always, to answer your questions and address your concerns.

While working remotely, we are fully operational. Now, because of Governor Cuomo's Order, we are able to assist with remote execution of your important estate planning documents by notarizing documents via videoconferencing. We are still conducting client meetings via conference calls and videoconferences using Skype and Zoom, both of which are user friendly, to protect the health and safety of our clients and staff.

In times of crisis like this, both our business relationships and our personal relationships are more important than ever. We look forward to continuing to serve you, and we wish you and your loved ones safety and good health.

Please visit our [Trusts & Estates](#) or [Tax](#) Practice Areas to learn more about the legal services we can provide in these areas. If you have any questions or would like more information on the issues discussed in this communication, please contact any member of the Trusts & Estates Practice Area.