Johanna L. Owens

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Professional Summary

Accomplished litigation paralegal with over 30 years of legal experience and a successful loan closing services entrepreneur. Currently expanding into remote technical writing and proofreading roles through an updated university education. Known for meticulous editing and research skills, original content writing, and a proven track record of managing high-stakes legal and financial documents.

Core Competencies

- Microsoft Suite (Track Changes/Advanced Editing)
- · Adobe Suite
- Bluebook Citation Standards
- Legal Proofreading
- Best Authority (TOA)
- Legal Research Tools (LexisNexis, Westlaw)
- Exceptional Grammar
- Zoom, Slack, Teams
- Commitment to Confidentiality

Work Experience

Owner, President - NC Notary Public; Certified National Signing Agent Crystal Coast Notary, LLC | Swansboro, NC | Sept 2019 - Present

- Manage all business operations, including client contracts, appointment scheduling, document management, research, compliance adherence, and financial oversight.
- Conduct and travel to diverse loan closings, including purchases, sales, refinances, HELOC, and reverse mortgages, effectively managing documents for all borrower types (VA, Conventional, HUD, FHA, USDA).
- Deliver Remote Online Notarization (RON) of notary and loan closing services via RON platforms, ensuring accuracy and efficiency in compliance with NC General Statute and Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

Owner, Principal - NC Bar-Certified Litigation Paralegal

Defense Legal Solutions | Swansboro, NC | Jan 2005 - Present

- Conduct comprehensive legal research and analysis to support case preparation
 and strategy development for a diverse clientele for NC civil, family, estate,
 and traffic cases.
- Draft and review legal documents, including pleadings, motions, and briefs, ensuring accuracy and compliance with court requirements.
- Manage case documentation and organize evidence for discovery, depositions, and trial
 proceedings, enhancing case efficiency and readiness for contract cases with area
 NC firms.

Education

Bachelor of Science, Journalism: English and Writing Summa cum laude

Liberty University |Lynchburg, VA 2022 – 2024

Associate of Science, Paralegal Studies
Summa cum laude