I've been a notary for many, many years and have never had an issue. It seems like notary training is a little overkill. I was grandfathered in re the last training, and hope I will be again if training's required. It's not that difficult to comply with Notary requirements – wouldn't it suffice to have notaries sign off that they've read the statute and the handbook? Or even just assume that if they're notaries that they'll comply with the rules? I understand that issues have led to the need for training, but I would be frustrated if I had to sit through a class on how to notarize a document. Conscientious notaries will almost never have problems and training will not help those notaries who are sloppy or cut corners. Perhaps make training an option for all notaries and have new notaries acknowledge that they've read and understand the requirements. Thank you for asking notaries for their two cents.

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