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Vorys partner Weinewuth was recently featured in the *Probate Law Journal of Ohio* for a column titled "Update on Notarial Certificate Requirements Following Notary Modernization Act."

The story states:

"As discussed in the November/December issue of this publi-cation, the Ohio Notary Public Modernization Act of 2019 (the "Act") brought with it many important changes for Ohio nota-ries, but also raised questions about exactly what language notarial certificates must contain to comply with the new law.

Under the new R.C. 147.542, the notarial certificate for each notarial act must now "clearly state" the type of notarial act being performed—whether it is an acknowledgment (in which no oath or affirmation is administered) or a jurat (in which an oath or affirmation is administered).

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