

**PLLC** 

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## SIGNING DOCUMENTS IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY

## **WASHINGTON LAW SAYS**

- If you don't clearly indicate that you are signing in a representative capacity, then you may be personally bound instead.
- If you sign on behalf of an entity that doesn't actually exist, then you are personally bound even if you DID purport to sign as "President," etc.

## THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT

Power of Attorney	Signature
	John Doe
	By Jane Smith
	His Attorney in Fact
LLC	Signature
	ABC, LLC, a Washington limited liability company
	By Jane Smith
	Its (Manager / Member / Other Title)
Corporation	Signature
	XYZ, Inc., a Washington corporation
	By Jane Smith
	Its (President / Other Title)
Trust	Signature
	The John Doe Trust
	By Jane Smith, Trustee
Estate	Signature
	The Estate of John Doe
	By Jane Smith, Personal Representative

## A NOTE ABOUT ENTITY NAMES

It is VERY important that you get the legal name of the entity EXACTLY right, as it appears on file with the Secretary of State in the jurisdiction where it was formed.

In Washington go to www.sos.wa.gov/corps, and then click "Business Search."