A brief layman definition of acknowledgment is: A declaration by a notary or other authorized official, to declare the person named in the document has signed the document for the purpose stated in the document.

Example 1: Short Form for an Individual Acknowledgment

State Of Minnesota ss.

County of Clay

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of July, 1997, by John D. Doe and Mary J. Doe, husband and wife, Grantor(s).

Notarial Stamp or Seal (or Other Title or Rank)

Signature of Notary or Authorized Official

Example 2: Short Form for a Corporate Acknowledgment

State of Minnesota ss.

County of Clay

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of July, 1997, by John D. Doe and Mary J. Doe, the President and the Vice President of Doe, Incorporated, under the laws of Minnesota, on behalf of the corporation.

Notarial Stamp or Seal (or Other Title or Rank)

Signature of Notary or Authorized Official

A brief layman definition of Jurat is: A Jurat is the authentication of a signature made under oath or affirmation. In a Jurat the word subscribed means to sign and sworn means under oath or affirmed.

Example 3: Jurat

State of Minnesota ss.

County of Clay

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July, 1997.

Notarial Stamp or Seal (or Other Title or Rank)

Signature of Notary or Authorized Official

Note: Sign or stamp on blank space, not on top of any print or signatures, so your stamp is legible.