

AUTHOR IDENTITY AND OWNERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

For Execution Before a Virginia Electronic Notary by Remote Online Notarization

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY/COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn or affirmed, state as follows:

1. Affiant Information

1. My full legal name is: _____.
2. My current mailing address is: _____
_____.
3. My telephone number is: _____. My email address is: _____.
4. I publish, have published, or intend to publish under the following author name(s), pseudonym(s), or pen name(s):

_____.
5. The relationship between my legal name and each stated pen name is as follows:

_____.

2. Work(s) Identified

For each work covered by this Affidavit, identify the title, subtitle, edition, format, and identifying number, if any.

Book / Work Title	Subtitle / Edition	Format	ISBN / ASIN / Other ID	Publication Status / Date

3. Publishing Imprint and Business Identity

6. The publishing imprint, publisher name, or business name associated with the work(s) is:
_____.

7. The legal entity that owns or operates the imprint, if any, is:

_____.

8. The relationship between me and the imprint or entity is:

_____.

9. Relevant website, retailer, distributor, or publishing-platform account name(s) are:

_____.

4. Creation History

10. I began creating the work(s) on or about: _____.

11. The work(s) were substantially completed on or about: _____.

12. The work(s) were first published, distributed, displayed, or offered for sale on or about:

_____.

13. The principal locations, devices, accounts, files, notebooks, drafts, or records used to create and preserve the work(s) include:

_____.

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14. The following drafts, timestamps, registrations, deposits, correspondence, contracts, invoices, or other records support the creation history:

_____.

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15. A concise description of how the work(s) developed from initial concept through completion is:

_____.

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5. Contributors and Third-Party Material

16. Except as disclosed below, I claim that I created the original authorship contained in the work(s).

17. The following persons contributed writing, editing, illustration, photography, design, narration, research, formatting, or other material:

_____.

_____.

18. For each contributor, the applicable written agreement, assignment, license, permission, work-made-for-hire agreement, or other authorization is described as follows:

_____.

_____.

19. The work(s) include the following third-party quotations, images, artwork, data, trademarks, public-domain material, licensed material, or other preexisting content:

_____.

_____.

20. My basis for using each item of third-party or preexisting material is:

_____.

_____.

6. Claimed Ownership and Rights

21. I claim ownership of the following rights in the identified work(s), subject to any disclosed agreements, licenses, assignments, or third-party rights:

_____.

_____.

22. To the best of my knowledge, the following persons or entities currently hold, share, administer, license, or receive royalties from any rights in the work(s):

23. The work(s) have been assigned, licensed, pledged, transferred, or placed in a trust or business entity as follows:

24. Any known dispute, adverse claim, takedown request, platform complaint, infringement allegation, or competing ownership claim is described as follows:

25. If no such dispute or competing claim is known, I state: ☐ No known competing claim exists as of the date of this Affidavit.

7. Copyright and Registration Information

26. Copyright registration status: ☐ Not filed ☐ Pending ☐ Registered ☐ Unknown / Not applicable.

27. Registration or application number(s), effective date(s), and claimant name(s), if any:

28. I understand that this Affidavit is separate from and does not replace an application to the United States Copyright Office or any other registration, recordation, contract, or legal proceeding.

8. Purpose and Reliance

29. I make this Affidavit for the following purpose(s):

- ☐ Business records ☐ Publishing-platform verification ☐ Banking or payment processing
☐ Contracting or licensing ☐ Estate planning ☐ Litigation or anticipated litigation
☐ Copyright or intellectual-property records ☐ Other: _____

30. The person, company, agency, court, platform, or organization expected to receive or rely upon this Affidavit is:

31. I understand that the receiving party may require additional evidence, different wording, or legal review and may accept or reject this Affidavit in its discretion or under applicable law.

9. Sworn Declaration

I declare under oath or affirmation that I have read this Affidavit, that the statements made in it are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge and belief, and that I have disclosed any material limitations, contributors, assignments, licenses, or known competing claims relevant to the ownership asserted.

AFFIANT'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE: _____

Printed Legal Name: _____

Pen Name(s), if applicable: _____

Date Signed: _____

VIRGINIA REMOTE ONLINE NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE - JURAT
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY/COUNTY OF _____ (Virginia locality where the electronic notary is physically located)

The foregoing Author Identity and Ownership Affidavit was subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me by remote online notarization on the ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, whose identity was verified in accordance with applicable Virginia law.

This notarial act was performed by remote online notarization.

Electronic Signature of Virginia Electronic Notary: _____

Printed Name of Electronic Notary: _____

Virginia Notary Registration Number: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Electronic Notarial Seal: [AFFIX OR LOGICALLY ASSOCIATE ELECTRONIC SEAL]

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