

## **Latin (continental) notary system**

As the legal system of the Republic of Azerbaijan is included in the Romano-Germanic, more precisely, continental legal system, notarial activity and its legislative base are also included in the continental legal system, in the universally accepted Latin notarial system.

Any notarial act in Latin notarial system is a document accepted indisputably by all individuals and legal entities, governmental and non-governmental authorities. Here a professional notary is a reliable person who is given an authority to approve by the state. In Latin notary system a notarial activity has a function to approve indisputable documents and facts, also to prevent litigations.

Principles of the Latin notary system:

- 1) Respect your Ministry, state authorities and professional bodies of your colleagues;
- 2) Carry out a notarial act if you are sure that you are acting within the law; eliminate doubts before certifying, avoid to carry out a notarial act if you have any doubt on legitimacy and accuracy;
- 3) Pay special attention to the truth (reality);
- 4) Be careful while acting;
- 5) Study materials enthusiastically and attentively;
- 6) Consult with your honor and conscience;
- 7) Manage with justice;
- 8) Limit yourself with the law;
- 9) Work with dignity;
- 10) Remember, your mission (as a notary) is to avoid civil law disputes.

(These principles have been taken from the speech of the representative of the Ecuadorian notaries made in plenary session of the 89<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the International Latin Notaries held in Mexico in 1965.)