

A Certificate of Placement Is Not Service of Process

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A certificate of placement says what ran on Notice Nearby. It is not service of process. Service is how a known party is brought into a case under the rules of court.

An affidavit of publication swears to a newspaper or statutory run when the code still asks for that form. A hash fingerprints the filed words. Neither one is Mullane by itself.

Keep the labels straight on a single instrument and the constitutional question stays clear: which method was used for whom, and what the statute still requires.

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