## **PREFACE**

## Increase in Notaries/Land Deed Officer Affected by Cases Related to the Land Mafia

The land mafia is a land crime involving a group of people working together to own or control other people's land illegally or in violation with the law. This land mafia individual cannot carry out his own actions without being connected to a Notary/Land Deed Officer. This is because in order to legally own the land, of course, all related formal conditions are needed, namely the registration of the land at the local Land Office by bringing the documents and the deed of land transfer, namely buying and selling with a notarial deed made by the Land Deed Officer.

Notaries/ Land Deed Officer as state officials have an important role in making authentic deeds, regarding all actions, and agreements, including those related to land sale and purchase deeds, land sale and purchase agreements, legalizing the documents needed in land buying and selling etc. Notarial deed as an authentic deed has perfect evidentiary power so that if there is a party who judges or declares that the notarial deed is not valid, then the party who evaluates or declares is obliged to prove his judgment or statement in accordance with the applicable legal rules.

Because the position of the Notarial/ Land Deed Officer deed regarding this matter is very strong, it is necessary to note that the Notary as a state official is obliged to carry out his position in an orderly manner, protect the parties and not act in a deviant manner, as the responsibility of the world and the hereafter. The integrity and quality of a Notary/ Land Deed Officer will be very visible from how he carries out his duties and positions and maintains his dignity as a Notary/ Land Deed Officer.

The problem that often occurs in the field is there are some finding Notaries/ Land Deed Officer whose in carrying out their duties use the powers mandated by these laws and regulations improperly due to the adage that notaries are not responsible for documents brought by service users, even though on the other hand there are Ministry of Law and Human Rights regarding the obligation to know the users of the services. Negligence or even collusion between the Notary/ Land Deed Officer with service users often backfires for them, because the Notary/ Land Deed Officer will be the main witness in the land mafia case.

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