

Electronic Signatures

vs.

Digital Signatures

Defining the Difference

Electronic signatures and digital signatures are often used interchangeably in conversation, but in reality, each carries a distinct set of defining features and functions.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

DEFINING FEATURES

It's a legal concept that stands as lasting representation and capture of someone's intent



Encryption technology underlying the electronic signature works with an electronic signature NOT as an electronic signature



FUNCTIONS

AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE NEEDS TO PROVE:

WHO signed



WHAT was signed



INTENT and Consent



HOW DIGITAL SIGNATURES SUPPORT ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

SECURES SENSITIVE DATA associated with documents through encryption



DETECTS TAMPERING EFFORTS and invalidates signed documents if they have been altered in any way



STRENGTHENS signer trust



Simply having a digital signature applied to a document doesn't ensure integrity. How it is used and applied to support the electronic signature is very important.



BETTER TOGETHER

Pairing the two together ultimately produces



Persuasive, legally binding evidence



Peace of mind among all parties



A significantly faster document workflow



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