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Melanie Senosiain, an attorney in Shutts & Bowen LLP's Tampa office, recently penned an article for the Hillsborough County Bar Association's *LAWYER Magazine*, discussing affidavit insufficiencies.

The article, titled "Is 'To The Best of My Knowledge' Enough?," highlights the pitfalls of insufficient qualifying verifications in filed affidavits and best practices to avoid future missteps. Melanie goes on to explain that attorneys should be wary of inadequate support within affidavits since personal knowledge is not enough, clarifying that an affidavit based on unsupported opinions and conclusions of fact and law will be deemed insufficient. As explained by Melanie, "The moral of this tale is when you are relying on an affidavit to support or oppose a motion for summary judgment, you must be sure the affidavit is based on personal knowledge, competency, and admissible facts."

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- To download the individual article, please [click here](#).
- To read the HCBA's January - February 2021 Issue of *LAWYER Magazine* (Vol. 31, No. 3), please [click here](#).

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