What is apostille?

What is apostille is a question we get asked a lot.

An apostille is when a state or federal-level state department agency (i.e, the U.S Department of State or the Texas Secretary of State) issues an apostille certificate or authentication certification.

The apostille or authentication certification issued will always be an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper that is physically stapled (if done by the Texas Secretary of State) or grommeted (if done by the U.S Department of State) onto your legal document that was presented to them. Then the apostille or authentication certificate will be submitted by you to a foreign (non-USA) country that is either a member or non-member of the 1961 Hague Convention Treaty.