Chapter 5

Court Reporter Services

Rule 190. Court Reporter Services Availability

The Clerk's Office at each justice center will post the departments in which the services of official court reporters are normally available, the departments in which the services of official court reporters are normally available, and, for those departments in which the services of official court reporters are normally available only for certain types of matters, those matters for which they are normally available. The list will also be posted on the Court's public website.

Any party desiring the services of a court reporter for a proceeding in a department that normally does not have a court reporter available should file a written request for a reporter ten (10) days before the proceeding with Court Reporter Interpreter Services for Orange County Superior Court. Unless a fee waiver has been obtained, the party will be responsible for payment of the court reporter service fees mandated by Government Code section 68086. If a party requests the presence of an official court reporter and it appears that a reporter will not be available, Court Reporter Interpreter Services must notify the party of that fact as soon as possible prior to the hearing or trial.

When the services of an official court reporter are not available for a hearing or trial in a case, a party may arrange for the presence of a certified shorthand reporter to serve as an official reporter pro tempore. If such an arrangement is made, it is the responsibility of the arranging party to pay the reporter's fee for services at the proceedings. The expense of a court reporter may be recoverable as part of the costs. [California Rules of Court, rule 2.956(c)]

If a party arranges for the services of a certified shorthand reporter at a hearing in a civil case because of the unavailability of the services of an official court reporter, none of the parties will be charged the reporter's attendance fee provided for in Government Code section 68086(a)(1) or (b)(1). If fees have been posted, the fees will be refunded.

The reporting notes of an official pro tempore reporter are the official records of the Court and shall be delivered to Court Reporter Interpreter Services in paper and/or electronic form as directed by the Court, pursuant to Government Code section 69955. Official pro tempore reporters may contact Court Reporter Interpreter Services for further information.

An official reporter or official reporter pro tempore shall be present in all cases when required by law.

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