



# STENOGRAPHY: THE ONLY CHOICE

## PROTECT YOUR RECORD

Why should a *Certified Stenographer* be used in every one of your proceedings?

- ✓ Certified stenographers are **licensed and impartial** Officers of the Court.
- ✓ Certified stenographers are under the **jurisdiction** of the Court Reporters Board.
- ✓ Certified stenographers have **rigorous training** in grammar, medical/legal terminology, ethics, court and deposition procedures.
- ✓ Certified stenographers are able to capture **verbatim testimony** at speeds up to 280 wpm.
- ✓ Certified stenographers are able to provide **instantaneous readback** of testimony at proceedings.
- ✓ Certified stenographers are able to provide **realtime text streams** to parties onsite and worldwide.
- ✓ Certified stenographers are able to provide **immediate** rough drafts, same-day/next-day certified final transcripts.
- ✓ Certified stenographers use **state-of-the-art technology**, along with the **irreplaceable human element to ensure every spoken word is captured and preserved**.
- ✓ By using a certified stenographer you will have **confidence** that your transcript is **certified and admissible in court**.



Protect Your Record Project

To locate a Certified Stenographic Reporter or Certified Stenographic Reporter-Owned Agency, visit:

[WWW.PROTECTYOURRECORDPROJECT.COM](http://WWW.PROTECTYOURRECORDPROJECT.COM)

# QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

## IS THE COURT REPORTING FIRM YOU ARE BOOKING WITH AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE IN CALIFORNIA?

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE 8040:** A shorthand reporting corporation is a corporation which is authorized to render professional services, as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, as long as that corporation and all of its shareholders, officers, directors, and employees rendering professional services who are certified shorthand reporters are in compliance with the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporations Act...

**Moscone-Knox Act/California Corporations Code 13401(c):** "Foreign professional corporation" means a corporation organized under the laws of a state of the United States other than this state that is engaged in a profession of a type for which there is authorization in the Business and Professions Code for the performance of professional services by a foreign professional corporation.

There is no authority within the Business and Professions Code for foreign corporations to render court reporting services in California.

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE 8044:** Except as provided in Section 13403 of the Corporations Code, each director, shareholder, and officer of a shorthand reporting corporation shall be a licensed person as defined by Section 13401 of the Corporations Code.

B&P 8044 finds analogs in virtually every other Department of Consumer Affairs licensed profession. For example, B&P 6165 has the same requirement for attorneys; B&P 2408 for physicians; B&P 5151 for accountants; B&P 1805 for dentists; B&P 4151 for pharmacists; B&P 2537.2 for speech language pathology; B&P 2779 for nursing.

## ARE YOU POTENTIALLY AT RISK OF COMMITTING A MISDEMEANOR AND POSSIBLY VIOLATING THESE CODES BY USING AN UNAUTHORIZED COURT REPORTING FIRM?

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE 8019:** A violation of any provision of this chapter is a misdemeanor. Any person who directly or indirectly assists in or abets the violation of, or conspires to aid or abet in the violation of, any provision of this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**CORPORATIONS CODE 2259:** Any person who transacts intrastate business on behalf of a foreign corporation which is not authorized to transact such business in this state, knowing that it is not so authorized, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than six hundred dollars (\$600).

## DID YOUR COURT REPORTING FIRM SEND YOU SOMETHING OTHER THAN A CERTIFIED STENOGRAPHIC REPORTER? WERE YOU NOTIFIED? WILL YOUR TRANSCRIPT BE ADMISSIBLE IN COURT?

**CCP 2025.340 (m):** ...If no stenographic record of the deposition testimony has previously been made, the party offering an audio or video recording of that testimony under Section 2025.620 shall accompany that offer with a stenographic transcript prepared from that recording.

**CCP 2025.320:** ...the deposition shall be conducted under the supervision of an officer who is authorized to administer an oath.

## MAKE SURE WHEN BOOKING YOUR CERTIFIED STENOGRAPHIC REPORTER, AND AT YOUR DEPO, YOU ARE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Is the court reporting firm authorized in California and under the jurisdiction of the California Court Reporters Board?

Does the court reporting firm send Certified Stenographic Reporters when a court reporter is booked?

Does the "court reporter" at your depo have a Certified Shorthand Reporter license number on their business card?

Not sure a Certified Stenographic Reporter is at your depo? Check the "court reporter's" business card for their "CSR" license number.

If it is not a Certified Stenographic Reporter at your depo, you have the right to object.

\*\* Nothing in this document shall be construed as legal advice. Please do your own due diligence and make sure you are in compliance with the laws.

