

## **COURT REPORTER COORDINATOR**

### **DEFINITION**

Under direction, to ensure that judges/courtrooms have assigned Court Reporters; to recruit and provide work coordination and direction for Court Reporters; to provide verbatim official records of all testimony and court proceedings in cases heard before the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, and during Grand Jury proceedings; and to do related work as required.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is a highly specialized job classification for a single position which is responsible for selection, work direction and coordination of Court Reporters' work assignments. The incumbent may also be required to preparing verbatim official records of court proceedings in machine shorthand, providing read back of the records upon request, and prepare official transcripts of Court and Grand Jury proceedings.

### **REPORTS TO**

Court Judges, Court Commissioners, and Assistant Chief Executive Officer.

### **CLASSIFICATIONS SUPERVISED**

This is a program management and coordinator class. The incumbent provides work direction and work coordination for staff assigned to perform Court Reporter work.

### **EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES** *(The following is used as a partial description and is not restrictive as to duties required.)*

Assigns Court Reporters to Court Judges/Commissioners, as necessary, to ensure adequate court room coverage; trains new Court Reporters on special case requirements; recruits new Court Reporters; maintains time sheets and attendance records for Court Reporters; responds to problems regarding staff performance from Court Judges/Commissioners and Attorneys; maintains records for monies collected. As needed: Attends Court and Grand Jury sessions; makes verbatim official records of proceedings, often of a technical nature and at a high rate of speed; provides immediate read back of the records; prepares official transcripts of proceedings as requested; certifies the accuracy of court transcripts; files official transcripts; performs necessary research to verify case citations and spellings of legal, medical, and other special terms; prepares indices of witnesses and exhibits; responds to participants' requests regarding courtroom proceedings; operates a variety of office equipment, including transcription machines, computer terminals, printers, typewriters, copiers, and related equipment.

## **TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Sit and maintain sustained high-speed reporting for extended periods; occasionally stand and walk; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; hear and distinguish words of various tones and volume; lift and move objects weighing up to 50 lbs; corrected vision to normal range; verbal communication; use of office equipment, including computer, transcription machines, telephone, calculator, copiers, and FAX.

## **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

Work is performed in an office, conference room, Board Room, and courtroom environments in various locations throughout the County; occasionally may work outside to attend "on-site" viewing of places referred to in trials; continuous contact with judicial officers, attorneys, litigants, other staff and the general public.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge of:**

- Principles and practices of work scheduling, assignment, and coordination.
- Principles and practices of court reporting.
- Legal record keeping practices and procedures.
- Legal terminology used in court proceedings.
- California statutes relating to court procedures, such as the Code of Civil Procedure, Probate Code, Family Code, Welfare and Institutions Code, Penal Code, Vehicle Code, and California Rules of Court.
- Statutes relating to Court Reporting services.
- Medical and other special terminology used in Court proceedings.
- Proper English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

### **Ability to:**

- Provide work coordination, scheduling, and direction for Court Reporters.
- Operate a stenotype machine to record all court proceedings and prepare an accurate and complete official written record.
- Maintain skills necessary to stenographically write "real time" with computer assisted transcription for compliance with judicial notice requirements.
- Understand, explain, and apply legal terminology, codes, and procedures.
- Exercise discretion and judgment in applying policies and procedures.
- Maintain confidential information when required by legal and ethical standards.
- Effectively communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Organize work and establish priorities.
- Work under pressure to produce accurate work and official transcripts within established deadlines.
- Work independently in a courtroom environment.

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- Maintain confidential information when required by legal or ethical standards.
- Respond professionally and courteously to judges, attorneys, court staff, and the public.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with judges, attorneys, and court staff.

### **Training and Experience:**

Any combination of training and experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Five years of experience as a certified State of California Court Reporter in a large Court system, located in a metropolitan area.

### **Special Requirements:**

Certification by the State of California as a Shorthand Reporter.

Incumbents may be required to pass a criminal history background check. Information discovered through such a background check may become grounds for dismissal from employment.

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