

ATTENTION ARIZONA ATTORNEYS

COURT REPORTERS IN ARIZONA MUST BE CERTIFIED

Knowing the court rules and existing laws in Arizona regarding certified court reporters is more important than ever.

You may be surprised to find an uncertified "digital reporter" appear at your deposition. Be aware that in Arizona, court reporters must be certified according to law AND court reporting firms must be registered in Arizona with the Arizona Certification and Licensing division.

A.R.S. § 32-4003(A) provides "A person shall not report proceedings in any court in this state and shall not report depositions in this state for use in any court in this state unless the person is certified pursuant to this chapter."

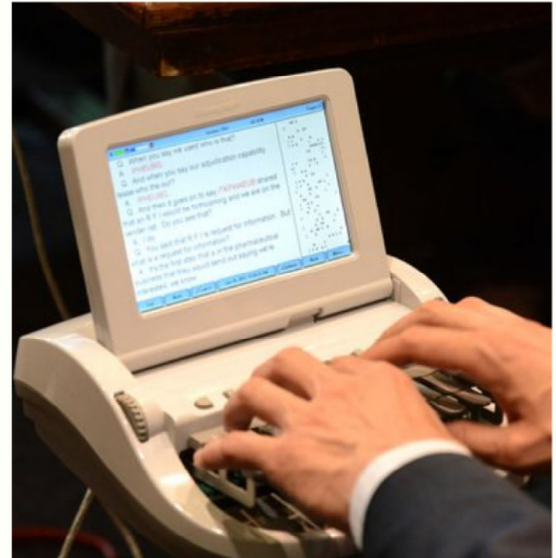
A.R.S. § 32-4003(D) provides: "It is unlawful for any person who is not certified pursuant to this chapter to represent oneself as a certified reporter." For eligibility to report a verbatim record in any sworn proceeding in this state for use in any court in this state, all persons shall hold a valid certificate and comply with the requirements of this section. Certified reporting is integrally related to the prompt, effective and impartial operation of the judicial system.

ACJA Section 7-206 "Registered reporting firm" means an individual or entity that is registered pursuant to this section and for compensation offers to provide or provides reporting services or related services but does not personally provide the service as a certified reporter.

All Arizona certified reporters MUST include their license number on their business cards, all correspondence, and transcripts. If you don't see it, ask for it to be provided.

You may also contact the Arizona Court Reporters Association and we will assist you in finding a certified reporter and provide information to file a complaint if an uncertified digital reporter appears at your deposition.

We are here to help you protect the record.



IS YOUR COURT REPORTER CERTIFIED AND LICENSED TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS IN ARIZONA?

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO STIPULATE TO USING A "DIGITAL REPORTER" TO COVER YOUR DEPOSITION?

DIGITAL REPORTERS ARE NOT CERTIFIED TO PERFORM COURT REPORTING SERVICES IN ARIZONA

SPECIFY ON YOUR NOTICE OF DEPOSITION IT WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

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