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Dear Rule-making committee:

I implore you to consider the role of a court reporter as an officer of the court and exempt court reporters from the required Notary Public training and the requirement of keeping a notary journal in the first place (as had been the case for 33 of my 38 years in this profession). There is a record in every transcript that is produced stating that the deponent/witness was sworn by a Notary Public. There is a record in every court reporter's office of the deponents, who have all been sworn in.

The **ONLY** reason court reporters are Notaries Public is it gives them the authority to swear in a deponent in a deposition or trial. A judge or lawyer, as an officer of the court, has the ability to swear in a person without maintaining a list of every person to whom they administer the oath. Court reporters have only been required by the Secretary of State to keep a notary journal for about four years.

Regarding the training, it would be an undue hardship for court reporters to take the training and be required to pass the test, when the only thing for

which we use our authority is to verbally swear in a person before he/she testifies. Again, judges and lawyers, as used to be the case with court reporters, do not have to take training and/or pass a test to swear in a witness.

In addition, if a court reporter loses their ability to verbally swear in a person, he/she loses their job. We cannot work without the ability to administer an oath. There are approximately 250 court reporters in the state of Colorado.

Please exempt court reporters from the training, the requirement to pass the test, and the requirement of maintaining a notary journal.

Thank you for taking comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

It is our privilege to work with you. Thank you for choosing us to cover all of your depositions worldwide!

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