

MERCER COUNTY LOCAL RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 4004(B)
Court Reporter Qualifications:

- (1) On or before the 15th day of January of each year, every court reporter shall provide to the lead court reporter the number of continuing professional education hours that the court reporter completed for the just ended calendar year.
- (2) On or before the 31st day of January of each year, the lead court reporter shall provide a report to the President Judge and District Court Administrator of the hours of continuing professional education that each court reporter has completed during the three (3) year requalifying period. The qualifying period shall coincide with the three (3) year cycle of any court reporter that is currently in an NCRA continuing education cycle.

MERCER COUNTY LOCAL RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 4006
Court Reporter Duties:

- (A) Reserved.
- (B) Reserved.
- (C) Reserved.
- (D) Reserved.
- (E) Reserved.
- (F) Reserved.
- (G)
 - 1. On the first business day of each month, each court reporter shall provide to the lead court reporter a report listing the following:
 - (a) The case caption, type of proceeding to be transcribed, date requested and expected completion date for every transcript requested for the preceding month;
 - (b) The case caption, type of proceeding to be transcribed, date requested and expected completion date for every transcript requested prior to the 1st day of the preceding month;
 - (c) The case caption and completion date of every transcript completed in the prior month.
 - 2. On or before the 10th day of each month, the lead court reporter shall provide a report to the President Judge and the District Court Administrator listing the transcripts pending to be transcribed, the court reporter assigned to the matter, the date requested and the expected completion date.
 - 3. The report shall be developed by the lead court reporter and approved by the President Judge if no form is provided by the AOPC.

MERCER COUNTY LOCAL RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 4007
Requests for Transcripts:

- (E) Anyone requesting a transcript, unless waived by the Court, shall file a Motion with the Mercer County Court Administrator setting forth what is to be transcribed; whether or not it is to be an ordinary, expedited, daily or same day delivery; whether or not it is to be in electronic format or bound paper format; and whether or not a waiver is being requested.
- (1) The District Court Administrator shall contact the assigned court reporter to determine the estimated cost of the transcript and provide that amount orally to the requesting party within 24 hours of the filing of the motion.
 - (2) If a fee waiver is requested, the District Court Administrator shall schedule a hearing to be held within five (5) business days after the filing of said motion to be heard by the presiding judge. If the waiver is not granted or a partial waiver is granted, then the requesting party shall pay a deposit equal to 75% of the estimated cost of the transcript within three (3) business days of said hearing.
- (G) 1. A party requesting a transcript, unless a waiver is requested, shall pay a deposit in the amount of 75% of the requested estimated cost of the transcript. The check shall be made payable to the court reporter.
4. The final payment is due at the time that the transcript is picked up and/or delivered.

MERCER COUNTY LOCAL RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 4008(A)

Fees:

A. Fee Schedule for Court Reporters.

- (1) Unless waived, the party requesting an ordinary transcript shall pay \$2.50 per page for ordinary transcripts in electronic format and pay \$2.75 per page for paperbound transcripts. Commonwealth shall likewise pay \$2.50 per page for ordinary transcripts in electronic format and pay \$2.75 per page for paperbound transcripts.
- (2) Unless waived, the party requesting an expedited transcript shall pay \$3.50 per page for expedited transcripts in electronic format and pay \$3.75 per page for expedited paperbound transcripts. The Commonwealth shall likewise pay \$3.50 per page and \$3.75 per page, respectively, for expedited transcripts.
- (3) Unless waived, the party requesting a daily transcript shall pay \$4.50 per page for daily transcripts in electronic format and pay \$4.75 per page for daily transcripts in paperbound format. The Commonwealth shall likewise pay \$4.50 per page and \$4.75 per page, respectively, for daily.
- (4) Unless waived, the party requesting same day delivery of a transcript shall pay \$6.50 per page for same day delivery in electronic format and \$6.75 per page for same day delivery in paperbound format. The Commonwealth shall likewise pay \$6.50 per page and \$6.75 per page, respectively, for same day delivery of a daily transcript.
- (5) Unless waived, the party requesting a copy of a transcript shall pay \$0.75 per page in paperbound format and \$0.50 per page in electronic format. The Commonwealth shall likewise pay \$0.75 per page and \$0.50 per page, respectively, for a copy of a transcript.
- (6) The County shall pay a Court Reporter \$2.00 per page for all court orders.
- (7) Upon order of the presiding judge, in the event a transcript involves a mass tort, medical malpractice, or unusually complex litigation, a Court Reporter may add a surcharge of \$0.50 per page to the above schedule of fees.
- (8) A requesting party shall pay a fee of \$1.00 per page for a rough draft of a transcript with no certification. There will be no waiver of this fee.

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MERCER COUNTY LOCAL RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 4011
Deadline for Delivery of Transcripts:

- (A) The date of notice to transcribe for appeal shall be the date of the post-appeal conference.

RULE 5102. General Provisions.

For all court proceedings, the court reporter, court recorder, or court monitor shall be designated as the “Custodian,” as defined by Pa.R.J.A. 5101(a)(2), for all submitted exhibits, either accepted or rejected, during a court proceeding.

(a) Within 5 business days of the conclusion of a court proceeding, the Custodian shall file an index of all submitted exhibits with the appropriate records office, on a form that complies with Pa.R.J.A. 5102(b)(2).

(b) If there are multiple Custodians involved with a proceeding, the first Custodian shall provide the subsequent Custodian (and so on, if more than two Custodians) with the submitted exhibits and the index of exhibits. The Custodian at the conclusion of the proceeding shall be responsible for filing an index of exhibits with the appropriate records office within 5 business days of the conclusion of the proceeding.

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RULE 5103. Custody of Exhibits. Special Provisions.

- (a) The Custodian shall retain all exhibits during court proceedings.
- (b) Unless otherwise provided by the presiding judge, at the conclusion of the court proceeding, the Custodian shall retain all exhibits and shall arrange for their storage and maintenance in the secured exhibit storage room, in accordance with any applicable retention schedule, statute, rule, regulation, or policy, or until further Order of Court.
- (c) Unless otherwise ordered, the Custodian shall maintain all exhibits for a period of ten years except for exhibits submitted in a homicide case, which shall be maintained permanently.
- (d) Any digital exhibit that cannot be printed (i.e., audio or video recording) shall be entered into the record on a Universal Serial Bus (USB) flash drive (or other format if expressly approved by the Court). If one party has multiple digital exhibits, they may be submitted together on one USB flash drive.
- (e) Any exhibit containing confidential information or equivalent to any of the categories enumerated in Pa. Access Policy § 8.0 shall include a Confidential Document Form so that the document can be properly sealed.

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