

Rule 2.51. Unavailability of Court-Provided Court Reporters and Procurement of Outside Private Reporters

(a) Unavailability of court reporters by case type

Unless otherwise noted in the Court's Notice of Availability, pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 2.956, the Court does not provide court reporters for hearings in the following civil case types:

- (1) Unlimited and Limited Civil
- (2) Family Law
- (3) Probate

(b) Procurement of private court reporter

For matters where the court does not provide a court reporter due to unavailability, any party who desires a verbatim record of a court proceeding from which a transcript can later be prepared, may procure the services of a private certified court reporter pro tempore to report any scheduled hearing or trial (see Government Code 70044 and California Rules of Court, Rule 2.956). The Court does not provide referrals to private court reporting service providers and does not have any contractual or employment obligation related to pro tempore reporters hired by the parties for this purpose. It is the party's responsibility to arrange for and pay the outside reporter's fee for attendance at the proceedings but the expense may be recoverable as part of the costs, as provided by law, (See California Rules of Court, Rule 2.956(c)).

(c) Requirement to meet and confer to select court reporter

For contested matters, the parties must meet timely and confer as to the selection of a qualified court reporter and provide a written stipulation, on the court-provided form (see Government Code 70044).

- (1) The reporter must be licensed as a Certified Shorthand Reporter in California and comply with all California statutory and rule provisions for reporting court proceedings. The court reporter pro tempore must provide their name, CSR number, business address and phone number and/or email address to the courtroom clerk and all parties present on the day of the hearing in the event of an appeal or if a party wishes to procure a transcript from the reporter (see California Rules of Court, Rule 2.950).
- (2) The court reporter pro tempore must execute the court's required written agreement as to the obligations of the court reporter in accepting the reporting assignment.
- (3) If court reporters become available and at the court's discretion are provided by the court for any civil hearings (including family law and probate matters), the

parties will be required to pay the applicable reporter attendance fee provided for in Government Code Sections 68086(a)(1)(A) or (B) in a timely manner.

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