

Dear Honorable Justices:

Please consider my comments to the Rule 28 petition for changes to the Rule.

As we are all aware, this has been a most contentious issue, each side advocating our respective positions.

I would respectfully request that you please read the attached excerpt of a transcript that I reported in family court. It is clearly an example of what passing our profession off to lay, untrained people can mean. These are people who have absolutely no idea of what a record can mean to an individual, and eventually to the community as a whole.

I also had a lengthy discussion with an attorney who related his experience of having requested a court reporter, and when that request wasn't honored, was made to feel that should he press that issue, his case would be in jeopardy.

To me, these may not be earth-shattering examples, but it's a barometer of the direction in which justice will not prevail.

The Court Reporter has been the unbiased, silent advocate for the law. Personally, I don't pretend to be perfect, but I have absolute respect for my profession and producing the best transcript that I can humanly do.

Is there any one of you that has not been grateful to have before you a transcript giving to you in exact detail the proceedings as it occurred? The transcript has allowed those who preceded you and those who will follow you to make the important decisions that you have made and will continue to make.

I know that each of you as individuals, and all of you as a whole, have a deep and abiding belief in the law. You are the last word. I am sure that in all your wisdom you will make the right decision.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Gibbons".

Judy Gibbons
Court Reporter 50141

1 consolidated, because mother never filed anything. So we
2 are sitting here with the old decree and our petition to
3 deal with this.

4 We came into court because there was a
5 seizure of his passport. He travels in his work.

6 I don't know, and I don't think it's
7 significant to this Court, but I tried to order a
8 transcript, but with the system we have now -- I've tried
9 to order a transcript of the last court proceedings
10 six weeks ago. You can't get a live person. You can't
11 get anybody to talk to you about it. We've ordered the CD
12 from those proceedings for four to five weeks now,
13 six weeks. I can't get them. Judge Udall doesn't have
14 the case, you don't have the case -- or, excuse me, didn't
15 have the case back then, certainly. We can't get it, and
16 I remember mother --

17 MR. POPILEK: Objection, Judge. There is no
18 evidence before the Court. We don't have the transcript
19 or whatever happened in that proceeding. I don't think
20 that should be argued to this Court. There's nothing
21 before this Court that documents that.

22 THE COURT: But it's not evidence, it's
23 argument.

24 MR. SAPER: Well, it's not evidence, it's
25 not argument. I wish I had a copy of the transcript,