

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

I am opposed to electronic recording without the presence also of an official court reporter in such important matters as civil trials and especially juvenile dependencies and severance trials. These trials have so much at stake. Almost without exception, every time I reported a severance trial, it was appealed. Court reporters should always be present in matters that are likely to appeal, as they make the best record. If there is a problem hearing, it is addressed right then instead of finding out months later that there was a problem.

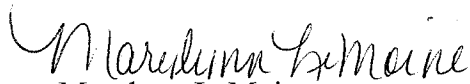
I am not opposed to having electronic recording in the courtroom for matters that are not likely to be appealed or have a transcript ordered.

I have heard from numerous attorneys after I have completed an expedited transcript or a special request in a timely fashion and e-mailed them an ASCII of the proceedings with a word index that they are so thankful to have a live court reporter to work with instead of the alternative option. We do not oppose technology. We just feel that we are the BEST technology.

It saddens me to hear about instances where an attorney is pressured to not request a court reporter. If they want one, that should be their choice with no repercussions whatsoever.

Please consider what would make the best record and protect the record the best, not just the cheapest alternative, although in the long run, I'm not convinced that the electronic solution is any cheaper at all. I have a great abiding faith in our judicial system, and I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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Court reporter to Judge Blakey

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