

April 25, 2006

To: Arizona Supreme Court Justices
Re: Rule Change Petition R-05-0037

Dear Honorable Justices,

As a member of the KTR Committee, I believe the end result that we came up with went too far in doing away with the instances where a Certified Court Reporter (CCR) should be required. Although I am an official court reporter in Maricopa County Superior Court, I understand that a CCR is not needed in every proceeding and that electronic means would be appropriate in proceedings where transcript volume is not high.

I respectfully request that the Supreme Court add to the list of five matters in the Interim Report of December 2005, the following: All proceedings conducted in Superior Court civil cases in which a jury is requested.

Court reporting has a long and distinguished history in our society. As a matter of fact, the Congress of the United States still uses court reporters. Presidents of our great country use court reporters. Keeping court reporters in the courthouses of this state is not a luxury but a necessity.

Lastly, let's not hasten anymore delay in the appeal process for litigants. I don't believe the Supreme Court wants to see anymore delay in appeals on any level. My belief is that justice will not be swift but will be delayed for appellants because of the inability to get a record transcribed by a competent professional.

Court reporters care about the record, as I'm sure litigants do. I know the Supreme Court cares about the record and the litigants of this state and their right to swift and fair justice. Let's not take that away.

Thank you for your consideration.



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