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Why has the practice of offering special terms to only one party in a lawsuit been allowed to take place for so long? If our justice system stands for anything, it is unbiased treatment for all involved.

I am a certified court reporter in the state of Washington (CCR #2348) and am writing to encourage the members of the Supreme Court to adopt the changes to 28(c), (d) and (e). Adopting the changes to 28(c) would no longer allow the unfair practices of insurance companies and large corporations of entering into exclusive agreements or contracts with court reporting firms that require preferential treatment and pricing that, in turn, are not offered to all parties.

The proposed change to 28(d) would require court reporters and court reporting firms to show proof of equal terms for all parties involved in a lawsuit. This requirement would hold court reporters and court reporting firms accountable by having to provide an affidavit of equal terms upon request which would prevent the practices outlined in the paragraph above.

The proposed change to 28(e), simply put, would prevent firms from "padding" a transcript (using methods such as changing font or characters per line) in order to be able to charge more for a transcript. Most consumers of transcripts cannot decipher whether their transcripts contain 54 or 56 characters per line so they do not realize they are possibly being charged up to ten percent more by unscrupulous practices that are still allowed to take place under current rules.

The adoption of CR 80, which currently reads:

"Except as otherwise ordered by the court the minimum qualification to become an authorized transcriptionist in order to complete and file an official certified court transcript from electronically recorded proceedings is certification as a court reporter or certification by AAERT (American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers) or proof of one year of supervised mentorship with a certified court reporter or an authorized transcriptionist. Courts may require additional or different qualifications at their discretion"

-- should exclude the unintentionally added words "or different" in the last sentence. Those words reverse the effect of the rule and may allow underqualified people to transcribe court transcripts. Please adopt the proposed amendment to 80(d) as well.

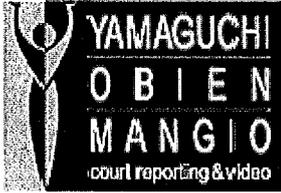
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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