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I am in support of Steve Crandall's proposed changes to CR 28 and CR 30. I have been a court reporter for 27 years. Before COVID, there were only a handful of times that the situation arose that an attorney would attempt to record the proceedings themselves, and in these cases, the opposing attorney has objected to it being recorded. However, now that we are largely on the Zoom platform, we have seen an increase in attorneys wanting to record the proceedings themselves, sometimes for work product purposes, and sometimes the stated reason is for use in court. In all instances that it has come up since COVID, there has been disagreement between counsel as to whether the practice follows the rules, which has brought up the question for me as a reporter regarding how we proceed. In order to protect the integrity of the record, I do believe that if the proceedings are recorded that it should be done by an impartial officer of the court. Steve Crandall and BA Litigation are trying to clarify the intent of the rule because it is definitely something that is not clear, and I believe it would benefit everyone to establish clear guidance regarding these rules, which is why I support the proposed changes.

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