

Important Public Service Announcement by
The Massachusetts Court Reporters Association



ATTORNEYS BEWARE!

THE CLAIM:

You have been systematically lied to by legal service corporations who wish to selfishly widen their own profit margins at the expense of your clients' wallets.

THE LIE...

...is that there is a shortage of stenographers in Massachusetts, forcing attorneys to settle for inferior legal transcript solutions - i.e., "digital" and "active" reporting - new lingo which is touted as technologically superior, yet both utilize old-style tape recording and transcriptionist techniques which require an outsourcing to **many** background people, thus forfeiting the chain of command and integrity of the record.

THE SOLUTIONS:

1. On all notices of deposition designate the words "BY STENOGRAPHIC MEANS." Per Rule 30(b)(4), you have a right to receive the service you are paying for. Your case depends on it!
2. When you receive a notice of taking deposition from opposing counsel, insist on a stenographer only. It is your right under the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, not a decision that opposing counsel can make on their own. If a "digital" or "active transcriber" shows up, you have the right to refuse.
3. Make auditing legal service invoices a top priority to ensure you are not being overcharged for subpar services or unwanted extras.
4. If a legal service provider states that they cannot provide a stenographer, call another or visit MCRAonline.com for a complete listing of Certified Stenographers. Massachusetts Stenographers are ready to be at your service.