

ARE INSURERS DICTATING WHAT COURT REPORTER YOU USE?

- Are you being told which court reporting agency to use for your deposition?
- Is contracting saving you money or costing you more with hidden fees?
- Are you automatically being billed for bundles of services not requested?
- Are your costs higher due to a deal your opposition has made?

Are these contracting relationships legal?

No, they are not.

M.G.L. C. 221, S. 91D(b)

“Contracts entered into pursuant to the practice of court reporting, not related to a particular case or reporting incident, between a court reporter or any person with whom a court reporter has a principal and agency relationship and an attorney at law, party to an action, or party having a financial interest in an action shall be prohibited.”

What can you do about it?

- Spread the word that contracting for court reporting services is illegal in Massachusetts and you will not be using any contracted court reporters.
- Refuse to hire a contracted court reporting agency. Call the insurer directly and tell them MA is a restricted state with legislation prohibiting contracting.
- Stop parties who have an interest from benefitting at your expense.
- File a complaint with the Commissioner of Insurance, Gary Anderson, gary.d.anderson@state.ma.us or call 617.521.7794.



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