

**Judicial Council of Georgia**  
**COURT REPORTERS' FEE SCHEDULE**  
Effective July 1, 2008

**This fee schedule shall apply to any court reporter taking down a court proceeding.**

1. A. (1) The judge of a court of record shall authorize and approve compensation of \$190.08 per day for a court reporter to attend at the request of the judge all civil, juvenile, and criminal proceedings in the circuit over which the judge presides. This compensation shall be paid out of county funds on the certificate and order of the judge for all days during which such proceedings are attended. The court reporter shall take down testimony in the trials of such criminal, civil, and juvenile cases as are required by law to be recorded. In addition, when ordered to do so by the judge at the request of the district attorney of the circuit, the court reporter shall attend and take down evidence in a committal court where felonies are involved and evidence at a coroner's inquest.
    - (2) In computing the compensation of the court reporter for attending court, a day shall be deemed to be the initial period of eight hours, or any part thereof. Compensation of the court reporter for attending court beyond the initial eight-hour day shall be at the rate of \$22.77 per hour, subject to a maximum of \$38.00. The total compensation for attending court and taking down the evidence in criminal and juvenile cases shall not exceed \$228.09 in any 24-hour period, except as provided in 3 below.
  - B. In addition to per diem, the compensation of the court reporter for taking down testimony and recording the evidence for civil cases, other than juvenile cases, and for criminal matters not required to be reported by law or the presiding judge, shall be at a rate of \$43.31 per hour. The fee shall be paid by the parties upon such terms as they may agree, and if no agreement is entered into as to the payment thereof, in such manner as may be ordered by the presiding judge.
  2. A. (1) The rate to be paid court reporters for the transcripts of the proceedings in civil and criminal cases shall be \$3.78 for the original and two copies of each page, to be paid by the party requesting the transcript or as required by law. Requests for the original only, or for the original plus one copy, shall also be charged at \$3.78 per original page.
    - (2) Where a transcript page does not contain the minimum of twenty-five lines per page, as specified under 4.B.(4) below, transcription of such page shall be compensated at a prorated share of the full rate (see Regulation 5).
    - (3) Upon written motion of the party or parties in a civil, criminal, or juvenile proceeding, or upon the court's own motion in a criminal proceeding, the judge of any court of record of this state may make written authorization for the preparation of daily copy or expedited copy in any action pending in the court.

"Daily copy" shall be defined as an original transcript delivered within twenty-four hours from close of court.

"Expedited copy" shall be defined as an original transcript delivered within forty-eight hours from close of court.
- When authorization is made for daily copy, the official court reporter or reporters may charge the party or parties responsible for payment \$7.58 per page for the original transcript only. When authorization is made for expedited copy, the official court reporter or reporters may charge the party or parties responsible for payment \$5.70 per page for the original transcript only. This rule shall not apply to the cost of additional copies prepared and furnished as a result of this daily copy

preparation, which shall be charged as in 2.B. below.

B. The rate to be paid the court reporter for additional copies of the transcript, excluding exhibits, shall be \$1.51 per page.

C. The rate to be paid for each exhibit page shall be \$0.35 per page per transcript original or copy.

D. The rate to be paid to court reporters for copies of diskettes of any size, when ordered in conjunction with the transcript, shall be \$30.00 for each ASCII diskette and \$60.00 for each compact disc (CD). This shall only apply in cases where the court reporter has the capability and is willing to provide such service.

E. (1) In criminal cases, a real-time feed (instantaneous English translation appearing on a computer at counsel's desk) may be provided when it is available from the court reporter; however, because not all reporters are trained to provide real-time services nor have the hardware and software necessary, no reporter shall be ordered to provide real-time who does not have the ability to do so.

(2) In criminal cases, the fee for providing real-time feed to defense counsel, along with all hardware and software necessary: \$140 for the first day, with subsequent days at the rate of \$90 per day. The text shall be appended each day per week so that the full weeks real-time text is computer searchable utilizing the software provided by the reporter. Only when the court signs an order granting real-time services to the defense will the service be billed to the county (in the case of an indigent). This fee is in addition to any salary or per diem currently provided by the court. Counsel will not be permitted to have printed copy or computer data containing the uncertified draft translation in criminal cases.

(3) In civil cases, an option will be provided as follows: (a) Counsel may receive the same services described above at the same rate (real-time display only at \$140/\$90 per day); or alternatively, (b) if counsel needs to take the real-time translation for later review or staff use, in addition to the real-time feed they may receive a diskette at the end of the day containing the rough draft translation for \$1.50 per page. (The \$1.50 charge includes real-time display and provision of the ASCII text on disk.) Counsel will be required to sign a disclaimer concerning the limited use of the rough-draft translation.

(4) In order to ensure the quality of real-time provided to counsel, only reporters who are current holders of the National Court Reporters Certified Real-time Reporter certification (CRR) or holders of a certificate of Merit (CMR) or those who provide real-time for their judges on a daily, ongoing basis will be permitted to charge fees for real-time services.

3. A. The compensation, provided for by 1.A. above, for attending court and taking down the evidence in civil, criminal, and juvenile cases may be supplemented by the various counties within the circuit to which such court reporters are assigned.

B. As long as there is no reduction of the net income of the court reporter from that which would be provided under 1, 2, and 4 herein, the various counties within the circuit to which such court reporters are assigned may provide a salary, equipment, or office supplies in lieu of all or a portion of any of the fees paid by the county.

4. A. Rules 67 to 74 of the Supreme Court of Georgia, and Rules 17 to 21 of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, as amended, are hereby incorporated by this reference.

B. Additional rules regarding form and style of transcripts:

(1) The paper to be used for the original record and transcripts shall be fifteen pound bond or heavier. Copies may be printed on bond or onionskin of ten pounds or more.

(2) Indentation from the left margin for questions and answers shall be five spaces on the first

line and none for the next lines.

(3) Indentation from the left margin for colloquy shall be ten spaces for the first line and five spaces on the next lines.

(4) Page numbering shall be printed at the bottom right of each page.

(5) There shall be at least twenty-five lines per page.

(6) Each line shall consist of at least sixty-three available spaces.

(7) Every transcript, or separately bound portion thereof, shall have a separate cover sheet. The cover sheet shall set forth the heading of the case, the judge before whom the case was tried, whether there was a jury, the attorneys for each party, the date of the trial, and whether the transcript is a complete entity or one of several parts.

(8) The index to the transcript should provide at least the following information:

- a. The names of the witnesses and the page number where their testimony begins on direct, cross, redirect, and re-cross examination.
- b. A list of exhibits introduced by each party.
- c. The number of the page on which the charge of the court begins.
- d. Further information should be added as necessary to clearly index the transcript.

(9) All county owned equipment and supplies on hand January 1, 1976 may be used until depleted or exhausted.

5. A. Whenever the employees in the classified service of the State Merit System receive a cost of living increase of a certain percentage, the amounts fixed in 1. A., 1. B., 2.A., and 2.B. shall be increased by the same percentage applicable to such state employees. If the cost of living increase received by state employees is in different percentages as to certain categories of employees, the amounts fixed in 1. A., 1. B., 2.A., and 2.B. shall be increased by a percentage not to exceed the average percentage of the general increase in salary granted to the state employees. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase whenever necessary. The periodic changes in the amounts fixed in 1. A., 1. B., 2.A., and 2.B. of this fee schedule, as authorized by this paragraph, shall become effective six (6) months following the date that the cost of living increase received by state employees becomes effective.

**Board of Court Reporting  
of the Judicial Council of Georgia**

**REGULATIONS**

Reg. 1

No fees except those specifically allowed in the fee schedule, may be charged by court reporters for performance of their duties as Official Court Reporters. Therefore, overhead expenses or any other fee not specifically provided for by the fee schedule may *not* be added to the fees charged under any section of the fee schedule.

Reg. 2

The following chart provides the scale of compensation to be paid a court reporter under the provisions of 1.A.(2) of the fee schedule.

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Units in Hours Within a 24-hour Period		Compensation in dollars
More Than	But No More Than	
0	8	\$190.08
8	9	\$212.85
9 or more		\$228.09

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Reg. 3

When a court reporter attends court in more than one county of a judicial circuit within a 24-hour period, the judge shall prorate the per diem due the court reporter between the multiple counties.

Reg. 4

The civil takedown fee may be charged by the court reporter only one time and is not a fee to be added to the cost of each copy of the transcript.

Reg. 5

The scale of compensation to be paid the court reporter under the provisions of 2.A. (2) of the fee schedule for pages which do not contain twenty-five lines is no charge for twelve lines or less, and the full-page rate for thirteen lines or more. This compensation is for the original and two copies of each page as provided under 2.A.(1) of the fee schedule.

Reg. 6

On the first line of each question and each answer, the first letter of the first word of the question or answer should be on the fifth space following the Q and A [see 4.B.(2) of the fee schedule].