

## **Court Reporter**

A Court Reporter creates a word-for-word transcript for trials, depositions and other legal proceedings; they must record everything that is being said in legal proceedings. A court reporter is often referred to as a stenographer. Rather than using a pencil and paper or a regular word processor that has a full keyboard, the court reporter uses a stenographic machine that has just 22 keys. Using those 22 keys, a court reporter can make symbols on a narrow strip of paper in the stenographic machine to record what is said in court. The stenographic machine has a computer to help convert the symbols into English.

### **Work Environment.**

Most court reporters work for state or local governments in courts or legislatures. However, some work remotely in broadcast captioning from either their home or a central office.

### **How to get Qualified**

Many community colleges and technical institutes offer postsecondary certificate programs for court reporters. Many states require court reporters who work in legal settings to be licensed. There are various types of court reporter—there is a stenographer who uses keys to document information using a stenotype machine, an electronic reporter who uses audio devices to take notes, and a voice writer who speaks into a mask containing a voice recorder and silencer. The type of training required depends on the type of court reporter you want to be.

### **Job Outlook**

It is projected that the employment of court reporters is expected to grow by 10 percent from 2012- 2022. Those with experience and training in techniques for helping deaf or hard-of-hearing people, such as real-time captioning and Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART), will have the best job prospects.