



THE TOXIC TORT

THE CLAIM:

Attorneys 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 - such as digital recording - which are touted as technologically superior. They are using the Ducker Worldwide Report, which was commissioned by the National Court Reporters Association in 2013 to address the state of stenographers at that time and a five-year projection. According to the report - which takes into consideration retirement, enrollment, and new entrants - there is only a 2 percent need for more stenographers in Massachusetts.

THE SOLUTIONS:

1. On your notice of taking deposition, place the words "stenographer only." 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.
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. Massachusetts stenographers are ready to be at your service.

**You have been misled.
Stenographers are not dead.**

We welcome you to read "The Real Story" on our website: www.mcraonline.com and e-mail contact@mcraonline.com to pose any questions you may have.