

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles – Local Rule

2.21 AVAILABILITY OF COURT REPORTERS

(a) Unlimited Civil Cases. Official court reporters are not normally available for reporting trials in unlimited civil cases. Official court reporters are also not normally available for reporting law and motion matters in departments dedicated to unlimited jurisdiction cases, except as specifically listed on the court's website.

A party who has not received a fee waiver pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.55(7) seeking a verbatim record must do so by arranging for a certified shorthand reporter to serve as an official pro tempore reporter as set forth in subsection (e) below.

A party who has received a fee waiver may request an official court reporter pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.956(b)(3). The request must be made by using the local form, Request for Court Reporting Services by a Party with Fee Waiver (LACIV 269), and must be filed at least ten calendar days before the hearing or trial for which the reporter is requested. If the requesting party received less than ten days' notice of the hearing or trial, the requesting party must file the request as soon as practicable. If a request is timely submitted, the clerk will notify the requestor as soon as possible if no official court reporter will be available. Given the limited availability of official court reporters, notice of the availability of a court reporter may not be given until the day of the trial or hearing.

(b) Limited Civil Cases and Infractions. Official court reporters are not normally available to report matters in limited civil cases. These proceedings are electronically recorded by the court to make the official verbatim record of proceedings as provided in Government Code section 69957, and California Rules

of Court, rules 2.952 and 2.956(c), unless a party arranges for a court reporter pursuant to subsection (e).

(c) Court Reporting in Criminal, Juvenile, Family Law, and Probate Cases. Official court reporters are normally available for reporting all proceedings in criminal, juvenile, family law and probate cases.

(d) Notice of Nonavailability of Court Reporter for Non-Trial Matters. If the services of an official court reporter will not be available during a proceeding in a criminal, juvenile, family law or probate case, that fact will be noted on the court's official calendar on the court's website.

(e) Procedure for Court Reporter Services. A party desiring a court reporter's services for a proceeding for which the court does not make a court reporter available may arrange for the appointment of a court approved official court reporter from a list maintained by the court, or may, by stipulation, arrange for the appointment of a privately retained certified shorthand reporter, in accordance with the procedures posted on the court's website and available in the clerk's office. If an arrangement for a court reporter is made under this subdivision, it is the responsibility of the arranging party or parties to pay the reporter's fee for attendance at the proceedings.

(Rule 2.21 [7/1/2011, 1/1/2013] amended and effective August 31, 2018)