

## **Top 5 Reasons to Consider A Career As A MISSOURI OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER**



- Two year course of study
- Excellent starting salary
- Additional transcript income
- Excellent benefits
- Professional working environment

### **What is a Missouri Official Court Reporter?**

Official Court Reporters are State of Missouri employees who work at the pleasure of a Circuit Court Judge. Official Court Reporters work in the city or county courthouses and take a verbatim record of the words spoken in court by the use of machine or voice shorthand. The official court reporter then, if requested, uses computer-aided transcription to translate the machine or voice shorthand into an official written transcript for use in the judicial process.

### **What is the work environment of a Missouri Official Court Reporter?**

Official court reporters typically have private offices in the courthouse and work for one Circuit Court Judge. The official court reporter will report hearings in all types of cases: civil, criminal, family, traffic, misdemeanor, probate, juvenile, equity, etc. In the evenings and on weekends the official court reporter may be required to transcribe the notes on cases that have been previously reported.

## **What can I expect to earn as a Missouri Official Court Reporter?**

In Missouri the salary for an official court reporter is approximately \$55,000 plus transcript income. Official court reporters may receive yearly cost of living salary increases along with other State employees.

Transcript income is generated by the official court reporter billing the attorneys/parties directly for each transcript requested, and fluctuates from year to year depending on the volume of transcript requests received. This income is in addition to the base salary.

## **What employee benefits do Missouri Official Court Reporters receive?**

- Health insurance
- Life insurance
- Optional dental and vision insurance
- Pension plan with the State Employee Retirement System
- Optional deferred compensation
- 10+ paid holidays per year

## **What are the future prospects for employment as a Missouri Official Court Reporter?**

It is expected that many of our current Official Court Reporters will be retiring in the next 10 years. Also, according to the most recent edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, job opportunities for court reporters, in general, are expected to be **excellent** as job openings continue to outnumber jobseekers.

## **What are the qualifications to become a Missouri Official Court Reporter?**

To become an Official Court reporter in the State of Missouri you must obtain a CCR (Certified Court Reporter) license by passing an examination given by the Missouri Supreme Court Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.