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From: Keller, Cindy
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am in support of the Digital Workgroup's position concerning a request for changes to Policy 206 – Fees and Expenses for Preparation of Transcripts – whereby compensation rates would be \$3.70 per page for original and \$.75 for copies and \$5.00 per page for expedited original and \$.75 for copies.

Since I started in this position in May of 1997 I have seen many changes that affect me, however, none affect me as much as preparation of transcripts. A majority of the transcripts requested must be done, not at work, but on “off” time – time my family/children do not get.

The time put into preparing a transcript includes transcribing, researching, and proofreading our work product. Very little of our time is put into making copies – the “work” is already done by that stage. Transcribers also need to purchase the software for home computers to prepare transcripts – WordPerfect is not cheap and ranges in price from Standard Edition (\$249.99) to Professional Edition (\$399.99). We also have to purchase and maintain newer model computers, printers, supplies (toner) for preparing transcripts; the prices for such are not going down. Our expenses have been rising but the compensation rate has remained the same for some time now.

Concerning the proposed changes to Rule 10 – I am in favor of filing only an electronic copy of a transcript on appeal with the Supreme Court. However, for the reasons outlined above, I am NOT in favor of reducing the compensation rate for preparing such transcripts.

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