

**PROPOSED RULE
GOVERNING TRANSCRIPTION IN ARIZONA COURTS**

Rule ____. Transcripts of court proceedings; standards

A transcript is a document containing a verbatim record of the spoken words of a court proceeding prepared from either the certified reporter's notes or other verbatim record of the proceeding. Transcripts certified for use by any court shall be:

1. Prepared and certified by an authorized transcriber in accordance with the standards set forth in the Arizona Manual of Transcript Procedures. The current version of this manual is available from the Administrative Office of the Courts.
2. For purposes of this rule, an "authorized transcriber" means:
 - a. a certified reporter; or
 - b. an individual or a transcription service under contract with an Arizona court.

COMMENT

This rule is not intended to prevent a party from retaining a transcriber, at the party's expense, to prepare an unofficial transcript of all or part of a proceeding. An unofficial transcript cannot be referenced or used in any court proceeding.