



LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS RESTORE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CALIFORNIANS

Legislation, investments revitalizing
critical court reporting profession

California's court reporters, the "guardians of the record" in our courtrooms, are essential to a fair and equal justice system for all Californians.

Recent actions by the legislature are working to revitalize this critical profession after a decade of devastating court administration cutbacks and soaring competition from the private sector thinned the ranks of these critical court workers.



Legislative Budget Priorities Create Dramatic Growth in # of Licensed Court Reporters

250% Increase in Licensed Certified Court Reporters in California over the past two years - This growth period corresponds to roughly the time courts began utilizing the \$30 million in recruitment and retention funds allocated to them by the Legislature as well as the authorization of voice writers. The head of the court reporters licensing board believes the state has "a sufficient number of licensed court reporters to meet the demand for court reporters."

Courtroom Reporter Staffing Restored

100% Staffed – Orange County Superior Court

Orange County's ability to fully staff its court reporting workforce shows a lack of qualified reporters is not an impediment for counties that want to hire. In fact, demand for the job is so high Orange County is creating a wait list of qualified applicants.

30 new hires at LA Superior Court since July 2024 – These recent strong hiring trends demonstrate the availability of qualified applicants as well as a strong interest in the field.

Successful recruitment efforts at San Diego Superior Court – The court is approaching full staffing of available court reporter positions.



New pipelines into essential profession

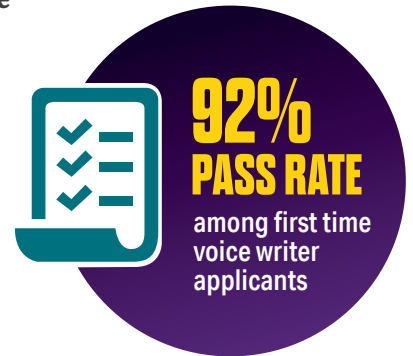
Paid internship program established in partnership with the union, Los Angeles Superior Court. Paid internships are also offered in the San Francisco and Contra Costa Superior Courts.

AB 3252

AB 3252 aligned the California court reporter licensing exam with the national court reporter licensing exam and led to a surge of qualified applicants to the LA Superior Court in 2025.

92% Pass Rate among first time voice writer applicants. New voice writing technology and related state legislation is creating new interest in and expanding opportunities for prospective court reporters to join a rewarding and vital profession.

(First time voice writer applicants at Downey Adult School, Nov. 2024, according to the California Court Reporters Board)



Strong interest in rewarding career



114 interested applicants attended a recent LA Superior Court court reporter informational open house.

Hundreds of new students enrolling in court reporting courses across the state leading to schools creating waitlists for these programs.

