

# WHAT IS A COURT REPORTER?

Well, he is the lineal descendant of the ancient scribes of Egypt, Greece, and Rome, who labored in relays with brush, stylus, or quill, transcribing what the sages of those days regarded as immortal speech. Throughout history, down through the centuries, man has longed to preserve his exact words for posterity.

The modern official reporter is the man you frequently see on television, sitting relaxed in front of his Stenograph machine, tapping out every spoken word, without fatigue and with incredible speed. The standard reporter joke is the one about the witness in court who breathlessly tries to beat the reporter to the end of a sentence. A photo finish, that one, since the reporter writes for hours on end at over 200 words a minute.

The reporter works in many different environments. He has reported war crimes trials, courts martial, conferences of kings and presidents. He has traveled with ambassadors and heads of state around the world on secret missions. He was with Roosevelt at Yalta; with Eisenhower on D-Day; with McArthur in Tokyo; he is hired by judges in hundreds of court rooms; by attorneys for pre-trial hearings called depositions; by medical conventions; by any convention; by any and every organization or speaker wanting a verbatim record of the proceedings. All place implicit confidence in the accuracy, speed, and integrity of the official reporter, man or woman.

The reporter may or may not be a college graduate--college isn't required--but he probably recognizes more words than anybody but Webster (and sometimes he "takes" a witness using words Webster wouldn't print in the dictionary).

The reporter has been carefully trained to "do his thing" in the modern world. He is highly skilled. And he is highly paid for his skill. He uses the Stenograph machine, a little four-pound miracle of speed on which his fingers play by automatic reaction on the soundless keyboard--a technique called Touch Shorthand. He watches the drama of life as it passes before him in varied surroundings; he records with ease each word that is spoken.

The reporter brings professional skill to a fascinating career.



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