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PAUL F. HARTSFIELD
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: 88-87

RE: COURT REPORTING FEES AND COMPENSATION

I. Pursuant to Rule 2.070 (e), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, the following fees are set and allowed to court reporters for this Circuit, and all previous orders which are in conflict are hereby rescinded on the effective date of this order. It is therefore,

ORDERED that the following rates for court reporters' services be and the same are hereby approved.

A. ATTENDANCE

1. Criminal

Jury or non-jury trials or hearings, heard in Courtroom or in Chambers (excluding Grand Jury proceedings and Coroners Inquest Proceedings:

The reporting of County and Circuit Court matters as described above shall be governed as established under Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.070 (g).

2. Depositions

In/Out of Office

$30.00 - First Hour

$15.00 - Per hour thereafter or portion thereof.

The above fees are established for morning and afternoon schedules. The first hour in the morning and the first hour in the after noon shall be at $30.00. Each hour thereafter, or portion thereof, shall be at $15.00. The fee for each deposition is not at the first hourly rate. If more than one disposition is scheduled for the morning only $15.00 may be charged after the first hour. If multiple depositions are scheduled during an hour you may only charge the hourly fee in affect. The same fees may be charged for the afternoon. Fees shall not be charged during travel time.

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Any weekend or holiday dispositions in which the reporter is called in, the rates are negotiable if by private counsel. If to be paid from public funds the first hourly rate shall be $40.00 and $20.00 thereafter or portion thereof.

3. Grand Jury and Coroner's Inquest
The rate shall be the same as allowed for reporting Criminal depositions when authorized by proper authority.

4. Reporting Final Arguments
Pursuant to Rule 2.070 (b), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, all trial proceedings are to be reported and no part of the proceedings shall be omitted unless all of the parties agree to do so and the Court approves the agreement. Therefore, all proceedings, including final arguments, in criminal and juvenile matters shall be reported unless all parties agree to omit same and the judge approves. Pursuant to Chapter 29, Florida Statutes, and particularly Section 29.03, an official court reporter is entitled to receive additional compensation for reporting such final arguments. This statute is construed to mean a reporter may charge $10.00 per side for each such argument reported for a total of no more than $20.00. However, if there are multiple defendants separately represented by different counsel, the reporter may charge $10.00 for each argument made.

B. TRANSCRIPTS
Each page of transcription shall contain all of the requirements as outlined in the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, Rule 2.070 (f), or any amendment thereof by the Supreme Court of Florida.

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1. Depositions (Criminal)

Original	2.50
Each copy	.75

(Paragraph 7 for exceptions)

2. Jury or non-jury trials or hearings (Criminal)

Original	2.50
Each copy	.75

(Paragraph 7 for exceptions)

3. Appeals

Original and two (minimum)	4.00
Each copy	.75

4. Expedited (24 hours to 72 hours)

Original	3.25
Each copy	1.00

(See paragraph 7 for exceptions)

5. Expedited (up to 24 hours)

Original	4.25
Each copy	1.50

(See paragraph 7 for exceptions)

6. Mechanical Recording Transcripts

The page rate fees for transcribing mechanical recordings shall be the same as prescribed for transcripts of depositions. In addition, the reporter may charge $15.00 per hour not to exceed two hours for transcribing any mechanical recordings.

7. Exceptions

Regarding depositions - It is deemed an insolvent defendant or any party does not have an absolute right to copies of discovery disposition or any other proceeding at county expense.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that defendants or parties shall not be entitled to copies of discovery deposition or any other proceedings to be paid from public funds, as a matter of right, but in specific cases, copy cost may be taxed at public expense when, upon application, a trial judge approves, or the requesting party certifies the need prior to transcription, the costs based upon express findings that the transcript is necessary. No copies shall be provided to any party without first certifying the need for such copy.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that no transcriptions or copies of transcription shall be taxed at public expense in jury and non-jury proceedings or appeals without procuring prior approval of a trial judge and that no expedited, daily, or overnight transcriptions shall be allowed at public expense without prior approval of the judge or a certification of need for such transcripts is requested by the party.

Travel per diem and Fees

Travel and per diem shall be in accordance with Chapter 112.061 Florida Statutes. That is, travel begins when you leave and ends when you return. Fees may not be charged during the actual travel to and from the destination. Fees may be charged when you arrive and begin the proceeding for which you are there for and end when the proceeding is over.

All official Court Reporter mileage and per diem should be claimed on state travel vouchers and paid by the state.

Deputy Court Reporters mileage and per diem, when filling in for an official reporter in any normally assigned proceeding shall file their own travel voucher and submit to the Court Administrator for approval. Deputy court reporters, when taking criminal deposition to be billed to a county outside of the normal assigned county/counties, shall submit their own state travel voucher for payment and must be forwarded to the Court Administrator for approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that all bills sumitted for payment, at public expense, in the foregoing matters shall be approved for payment in compliance with good auditing procedures before the clerk is authorized to remit any funds.

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Transcript rates and attendance fees hereby established shall apply to all matters invoiced for payment on or after the effective date of this order.

This Order shall become effective January 1, 1989 and supersedes Administrative Order No: 85-20 and all other Administrative Orders in conflict.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Tallahassee, Florida, this 20th day of December, 1988.

J. Lewis Hall, Jr.
Chief Judge

Copies:

All Circuit and County Judges
All Clerks of Court
All Court Reporters
State Attorney
Public Defender
Court Administrator

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