

# **Reporter's Preference Sheet**

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Please answer the following questions so that I can scope your transcript as close to your personal preferences as possible.

Please send me a copy of a "perfect" transcript and your include files for parentheticals and blurbs.

NAME: PH		PHONE:	ONE:		FAX:
FIRM/COURT:			E-MAIL:		
ADDRESS:		Туре	Type of CR: Freelance / Federal / State		
			CAT System:		
HOME ADDRESS:		HOM	HOME PHONE:		
			HOW DO YOU PREFER TO HAVE YOUR FILE SAVED?  Keep exactly as written / add "scoped" / other (explain)		
YES / NO	Require editing with audio	YES	/ NO	"(indicating)" if w	vitness points or gestures
YES / NO	Clean up lawyers — if yes, explain		/ NO	Paragraph out questions	
		YES	/ NO	Use ellipses for t	railing off
YES / NO	Leave in "strike that"	Pleas	Please give an example of your <b>BY Line format</b> :		
YES / NO	Keep "okay" and "all right" at th	e			
	beginning of a sentence				
YES / NO	Change "yeah" to "yes"				
YES / NO	Periods with polite requests				

# Please CIRCLE your preferences below. If you do not see your preference, please write it in.

# TIME

- 1. AM / PM
  - A.M. / P.M.
  - a.m. / p.m.
- 2. When witness says "eight o'clock":
  - eight o'clock
  - 8:00
  - 8 o'clock
  - 8:00 o'clock
- 3. If witness says, "I got home at six."
  - I got home at six.
  - I got home at 6:00
  - I got home at 6

# **DOLLARS**

- 4. If witness says "two million dollars":
  - \$2 million
  - two million dollars
  - 2 million dollars

#### **DATES**

- 5. Your May 1, 1995 letter Your May 1, 1995, letter
- Your May 1995 letter Your May, 1995 letter
- 7. 5-23-955/23/95

# **NUMBERS**

- one-nine write / 10-up numerals one-ten write / 11-up numerals
- 5 boys, 12 girls, and 21 adults five boys, 12 girls, and 21 adults five boys, twelve girls, and twenty-one adults
- 10. For measurements:
  - nine and a half inches nine-and-a-half inches
  - 9 1/2 inches (use numerals for measurements)
- 11. For phone numbers:
  - 530-529-4567
  - (530) 529-4567

#### **PUNCTUATION**

- 12. My question is, why did you? My question is, Why did you? My question is: Why did you?
- 13. ; is that correct?
   , is that correct?
   . Is that correct?
- 14. ; correct?, correct?. Correct?
- Objection; vague, speculation.
   Objection. Vague, speculation.
   Objection. Vague; speculation.
   Objection. Vague. Speculation.
- 16. Sentence starting with "So":So, you made a left turn.So you made a left turn.
- 17. Comma before final "too": Do you like to do that, too? Do you like to do that too?
- 18. Comma before "and" in a series? apples, oranges, and bananas apples, oranges and bananas
- 19. Indirect quotes (witness speaking for another or paraphrasing something)
  She asked me, "Are you sick?"
  She asked me, Are you sick?
  She asked me: Are you sick?
- 20. Direct quotes (reading from a document)
  Your letter said: "I saw her leave."
  Your letter said. "I saw her leave."

#### **SPELLING**

21. J-O-N-E-S J-o-n-e-s J O N E S

# **CAPITALIZATION**

- 22. page number one page Number One Page Number One page number 1 Page Number 1 Page No. One page No. 1 Page No. 1
- 23. exhibit number one exhibit number 1
  Exhibit Number One Exhibit Number 1
  Exhibit No. One Exhibit No. 1



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# **References Used:**

- Morson's English Guide for Court Reporters
- Bad Grammar/Good Punctuation— Margie Wakeman Wells
- The Gregg Reference Manual

# **Regular Turnaround:**

5 business days unless notified otherwise. Expedites available at an increased rate.

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