



## Which method of reporting do you *trust* for YOUR case?

Important distinctions between a  
Certified Shorthand Reporter and Digital Recorder

### *Digital Recorders*

- Digital recorders are NOT state certified and cannot call themselves court reporters.
- Digital recorders are NOT background checked (with access to your client's private information and other sensitive material).
- Digital recorders do not have to follow a Code of Professional Conduct, which requires the need for impartiality.
- There are no standards for the accuracy of their transcripts, nor are their transcripts certified.
- *If the recording equipment malfunctions, the integrity of the proceedings is jeopardized.*

### *Certified Shorthand Reporters*

- CSRs are licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas after a rigorous training and certification process and are governed by statutes and rules that protect the public.
- CSRs can provide instant access to your transcripts via realtime reporting, rough drafts, and expedited transcripts.
- CSRs can read back on the spot.
- CSRs are able to stop the proceedings when speakers are talking over one another in an effort to protect the written record.
- CSRs are highly skilled in technical and medical terminology.
- CSRs must follow a Code of Professional Conduct which sets out the need for a reporter to remain impartial to all parties at all times.
- CSRs can have their license suspended or revoked for unprofessional conduct as set out in statutes and rules.
- CSR transcripts are certified and can be used in court.

**Stenographic Certified Shorthand Reporters are the**  
**GOLD** standard for taking a record in Texas.  
*Don't be fooled by imitations!*