

Rule 201. Transcripts

(a) Obtaining transcripts. Any person who has made suitable arrangements to pay the appropriate fee, shall be entitled to obtain a transcript of all or any part of any recorded judicial proceedings other than those under seal.

(b) Endorsement on transcript. Each transcript obtained in accordance with this Rule shall bear the following endorsement upon its cover page:

"This transcript represents the produce of an official reporter or transcriber, engaged by the Court, who has personally certified that it represents the testimony and proceedings of the case as recorded."

(c) Transcript on appeal. Upon the completion of any transcript in a matter to be brought before the appellate court, the reporter or transcriber shall notify the trial court and counsel that the transcript has been completed and will be forwarded to the Court of Appeals within five days. The notice shall inform counsel that any objections to the accuracy of the transcript must within the five days be presented to the trial court and served on opposing counsel in the manner prescribed in SCR-Dom Rel 5. Objections raised by the Court sua sponte shall be made known to the parties who shall be given an opportunity to make appropriate representations to the Court before the objections are resolved. All objections shall be resolved by the trial court on the basis of the best available evidence as to what actually occurred in the proceedings.

(d) Security of original transcript. In a case in which a transcript is ordered by any person, the reporter or transcriber shall deliver to the person a copy or copies of any transcript prepared. The original of the transcript bearing the required certificate shall be filed by the reporter or transcriber with the Clerk of the court and shall not be changed in any respect except pursuant to rule of court. No change in any transcript may be made by the presiding judicial officer except on notice to the parties to the proceeding. Where any changes are made in the transcription of proceedings the corrections and deletions shall be shown.

(e) Stenographic report or transcript as evidence. Whenever the testimony of a witness at a trial or hearing which was stenographically reported is admissible in evidence at a later trial, it may be proved by the transcript thereof duly certified in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Rule.

COMMENT

For provisions with respect to recording of court proceedings, see SCR-General Family N.