

Outcome-Based Payment Considerations

The Court Reporters Board of California (Board) wants to advise consumers and licensees that the practice of basing fees on the outcome of a case could violate the following provisions of law:

- CCP 2025.320(a) – The officer/licensee shall not be financially interested in the action.
- CCP 2025.320(b) – All products/services must be offered to all parties attending a proceeding.
- CCR 2475(b)(6) of the Professional Standards of Practice – The officer/licensee will act without bias toward, or prejudice against, any parties and/or their attorneys.
- CCR 2475(b)(7) of the Professional Standards of Practice – The officer/licensee will not enter into, arrange, or participate in a relationship in which compensation for reporting services is based upon the outcome of the proceeding.

Court reporting firms must follow the same statutes that apply to licensees, and any firm that is determined to have adopted practices that run afoul of the above provisions may be subject to discipline.

Please contact the Board at 916-263-3660, or via email at CRBEnforcement@dca.ca.gov if you have questions. Thank you.