

**Superior Court of California
County of Santa Cruz**

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Court Reporting Services Under One Hour
Effective January 1, 2014

COURT REPORTING SERVICES UNDER ONE HOUR (Gov. Code 68086(a))	
Q: What case types are eligible for this fee?	A: This fee applies to Civil and Probate proceedings initiated by a party to the action. Proceedings initiated by the Court, such as case management conferences, status reviews and compliance hearings are not eligible for this fee.
Q: Does this fee apply to short cause trials in Unlawful Detainer actions?	A: No. This fee does not apply to parties requesting a short cause court trial in an Unlawful Detainer action.
Q: Does this fee apply to hearings on Civil Harassments?	A: No. This fee does not apply to the initial hearing in a Civil Harassment action. If a motion is filed in the Civil Harassment case then the \$30.00 fee would be charged for the motion.
Q: Is the \$30.00 fee for court reporting services in proceedings lasting under one hour collected from one party or from all parties?	A: Only one \$30.00 fee is collected for each case to cover all proceedings conducted within the same hour if the total time taken by those proceedings is one hour or less.
Q: When does the court collect the fee?	A: The \$30.00 fee will be collected from the initiating party when moving papers are filed with the clerk.
Q: Who is responsible for paying the court reporter fee if there are multiple hearings/motions set to be heard at the same date and time?	A: The initial party setting the matter for hearing shall be responsible for paying the court reporter fee.
Q: May the parties waive the services of a court reporter to be ineligible for the \$30.00 fee?	A: No. The payment of the fee is not subject to the request of the party.
Q: Are public entities exempt from paying court reporter per diem fees?	A: Yes.

<p>Q: Is the fee refundable?</p>	<p>A: The fee may be refunded if no court reporting services were provided due to unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>If fees for court reporting services were paid in excess of \$30 for a proceeding lasting one hour or less, the excess may be refunded.</p> <p>The fee is not refundable if the matter is taken off calendar.</p>
<p>Q: When will the fee be refunded if I'm eligible for a refund?</p>	<p>A: The fee shall be refunded as soon as practicable, to the remitting party or parties.</p>
<p>Q: May the Court waive the \$30.00 fee because of a party's financial condition?</p>	<p>A: Yes. The court may (but is not required to) waive fees itemized in the Request To Waive Court Fees (FW-001).</p>
<p>Q: Will additional fees be charged if the proceeding last more than one hour?</p>	<p>A: Proceedings lasting more than one hour are subject to additional fees at the discretion of the Judicial Officer.</p>