

Court Reporting in the Age of AI: Brynn Reynolds Seymour Affirms the Indispensable Role of Human Reporters in Justice

Despite Al Advancements, Human Court Reporters Remain Essential for Accuracy, Fairness, and the Integrity of the Justice System

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, February 22, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In an era where artificial intelligence (AI) is permeating various industries, Brynn Reynolds Seymour, host of The Court Reporter Podcast and a seasoned professional within the New York State Unified Court System, emphasizes the irreplaceable value of human court reporters in the judicial process.

While AI technologies, including automated transcription tools, have made strides in recent years, they often fall short in accurately capturing the nuances of human speech, especially in complex legal settings.



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Factors such as regional accents, emotional inflections, and overlapping dialogues present significant challenges that AI has yet to overcome. Seymour points out that human court reporters possess the critical judgment and adaptability required to navigate these complexities, ensuring precise and reliable transcripts.

"The essence of our role extends beyond mere transcription," says Seymour. "We serve as neutral third parties who can certify the transcript after clarifying proceedings in real-time, a capability that current AI lacks."

The demand for qualified court reporters remains robust. In New York, starting salaries for court

reporters are competitive, with positions such as Court Reporter-Trainee (JG-22) earning \$77,911 and Senior Court Reporters (JG-27) making \$102,060, excluding additional location-based pay differentials. Notably, these roles do not require a bachelor's degree, making them accessible career paths with substantial financial rewards.

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To foster effective collaboration between attorneys and court reporters, Seymour offers the following recommendations:

Clear Communication: Attorneys should articulate names, technical terms, and complex phrases distinctly to aid accurate transcription.

Moderated Pace: Maintaining a steady speech tempo allows court reporters to capture every word without the need for frequent interruptions.

Provision of Materials: Sharing case outlines, witness lists, and pertinent documents with court reporters before proceedings can enhance the accuracy and efficiency of the transcription process.

Respectful Interaction: Recognizing the court reporter as an integral part of the legal team fosters a collaborative environment conducive to producing precise records.

"A synergistic relationship between attorneys and court reporters is vital," Seymour asserts. "It ensures that the legal record is both accurate and reflective of the proceedings, which is fundamental to the administration of justice."

As AI continues to evolve, its role in court reporting is best viewed as a potential complementary tool rather than a replacement for human expertise. I personally would love to find a way to implement it and look forward to seeing what legal tech companies are working on. However, the nuanced understanding and real-time decision-making abilities of professional court reporters remain indispensable to the integrity of the justice system.

About Brynn Reynolds Seymour

Brynn Reynolds Seymour is a dedicated court reporter within the New York State Unified Court System and the host of The Court Reporter Podcast. With a passion for enhancing communication between legal professionals and court reporters, Seymour provides insights and guidance on best practices within the field.

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