

RULE 13. COURT REPORTERS' AND RECORDERS' DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; SANCTIONS

(a) Court Reporters' and Recorders' Duties and Obligations. A person serving as a court reporter or reporter pro tempore or court recorder in trials, proceedings, or hearings subject to court review is, for such purposes, an officer of the Supreme Court, and as such is accountable to the Supreme Court for the faithful performance of their duties and obligations. Subject to the provisions of Rule 9, such person has a duty to expeditiously prepare, and punctually deliver, all transcripts needed for such review; such person accordingly has a duty to refrain from undertaking further professional assignments that may unduly interfere with timely preparation and delivery of transcripts necessary for review of matters already heard; and where appropriate such person must promptly notify every affected judge of the reporter's or recorder's consequent unavailability to report matters currently being heard, so that substitute reporters pro tempore or court recorders may be obtained.

(b) Sanctions. For default in the professional obligations of any court reporter or reporter pro tempore or court recorder, if such default threatens or adversely affects the efficiency or integrity of the court, appropriate sanctions may be imposed. The court may, for reasons stated, enter an order (1) referring an apparent offending court reporter or reporter pro tempore to the certified court reporters' board of Nevada for disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of NRS Chapter 656; or (2) requiring an apparent offender to appear before the court, or its designated master, to show cause why he or she should not be precluded from undertaking to act as a reporter or recorder in regard to any trial, proceeding, administrative hearing, or deposition, that is subject to court review; why he or she should not be punished for contempt of court; and

why damages should not be awarded to either or both parties, and to the State of Nevada, if loss of court time results.

REVIEWING NOTE

The amendments to this Rule are intended to be stylistic only, with the exception of a minor revision in subdivision (b) to make sanctions permissive rather than mandatory.