



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
Fee for Court Reporting Services  
Under One Hour In Duration**

(Senate Bill 1021)

**Effective August 12, 2013**

<b>COURT REPORTING SERVICES UNDER ONE HOUR (Gov't Code §68086 (a)(1)(A))</b>	
<b>Q:</b> What case types are eligible for this fee?	<b>A:</b> This fee applies to Civil, Family and Probate proceedings initiated by a party to the action.  <i>Proceedings initiated by the Court, such as case progress or management conferences, status reviews and compliance hearings are not eligible for this fee.</i>
<b>Q:</b> Is the \$30 fee for court reporting services in proceedings lasting under one hour collected from one party or from all parties?	<b>A:</b> Only one \$30 fee is collected for each proceeding. The party initiating the proceeding is responsible for paying the fee.
<b>Q:</b> Is the fee refundable?	<b>A:</b> The fee is non-refundable even if the proceeding is taken off calendar.
<b>Q:</b> May the parties waive the services of a court reporter to be ineligible for the \$30 fee?	<b>A:</b> No. The payment of the fee is not subject to the request of the party.
<b>Q:</b> Are public entities exempt from paying court reporter per diem fees?	<b>A:</b> Yes.
<b>Q:</b> When does the court collect the fee?	<b>A:</b> The \$30 fee will be collected from the initiating party when moving papers are filed with the clerk.
<b>Q:</b> Will additional fees be charged if the proceeding lasts more than one hour?	<b>A:</b> Yes. Pursuant to section 68086(a) (1) (B), proceedings lasting more than one hour are subject to additional fees.
<b>Q:</b> May the Court waive the \$30 fee because of a party's financial condition?	<b>A:</b> Yes. The Court may (but is not required to) waive fees itemized in the Request to Waive Court Fees (FW-001).

<p><b>Q:</b> If a party files several motions to be heard at the same hearing, should the Court collect a fee for each motion?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> Yes. Each motion would be a separate proceeding, even if they are all heard during the same hearing.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> Will the Court charge the fee if the parties specifically state in advance that they do not want a court reporter at the proceedings?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> Yes. Section 68086(a) (1) (A) states that the fee <i>shall</i> be charged.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> If the proceeding lasts exactly one hour, what fee will the Court charge?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> A \$30 fee will be charged.</p>
<p><b>Q:</b> Will the Court charge the fee if a court reporter is not provided?</p>	<p><b>A:</b> No. If the court is not providing the services, there is no basis for charging the fee.</p>