



## NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, stenographic court reporters are officers of the court whose impartiality and confidentiality must remain beyond reproach in order to ensure the enduring confidence and faith in our judicial system; and

**WHEREAS**, stenographic court reporters are required to certify that they have reported the legal proceeding and that the transcript of the proceeding is a true and complete record of their stenographic notes, thereby establishing chain of custody; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Court Reporters Association, stenographic court reporters, stenographic captioners, and affiliate associations work with lawyers, bar associations, courts, and federal communication regulatory agencies to address the usage of emerging technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the captioning of live proceedings without a stenographic captioner impedes equal access to caption end users;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Court Reporters Association urges stenographic court reporters, stenographic captioners, affiliate associations, lawyers, bar associations, courts, and federal communication regulatory agencies to address the emerging ethical and legal issues related to the utilization of artificial intelligence (AI), automatic speech recognition (ASR), voice cloning, and digital audio recording of legal proceedings without a stenographic court reporter present to verify the chain of custody of the official record when use of such technology may fail to protect the privacy of litigants and could erode the public's confidence, trust, and faith in the fairness and legitimacy of the judicial system.

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