

Rule L4008. Transcript Costs Payable by a Requesting Party Other Than the Commonwealth or a Subdivision Thereof

(A) Costs

- (1) The costs payable by a requesting party, other than those entities described in section 4 below, for production and filing of a transcript in an electronic format shall be:
 - (a) for an ordinary transcript, \$2.50 per page;
 - (b) for an expedited transcript, \$3.50 per page, expedited transcripts are only available if the court reporter is able to accommodate;
 - (c) for a daily transcript, \$4.50 per page, daily transcripts are only available if the court reporter is able to accommodate; and
 - (d) for same day delivery, \$6.50 per page, same day delivery transcripts are only available if the court reporter is able to accommodate.
- (2) When the transcript is prepared in paper format, the costs shall be in accordance with paragraph (1) relating to electronic format plus a surcharge of \$0.25 per page. When a requestor indicates that the transcript is being ordered pursuant to an appeal, the requestor (except those listed in section 4 below) must pay for one hard copy and one electronic copy at the rates of \$2.75 per page for a hard copy for the recording office and an additional \$.50 per page for an electronic copy for his or her own personal use.
- (3) When the requesting party represents a Commonwealth or federal agency (for example but not limited to: Office of the Attorney General, Penn Dot, FBI other state or federal investigative agency) the costs payable to the County of Butler shall be equivalent to that which is charged to any outside, private party or litigant. A request for transcript under this section must be made on the form prescribed by the Court Administrator.
- (4) When the requesting party is a Judge, the Butler County District Attorney's office, the Butler County Public Defender's Office or any other County office or agency there will be no charge for a transcript provided the transcript is being used in the furtherance of litigation. A request for transcript under this section must be made on the form prescribed by the Court Administrator. All transcripts under this section will be delivered to the requester in electronic format only.
- (5) Nothing in this rule shall authorize delivery of an original transcript, or copy thereof, in a proceeding where the record is sealed or where the record is not generally available to the public to any person or entity not otherwise entitled to the same.

(B) Economic hardship – minimum standards

(4) The application to waive all or a portion of costs for ordinary transcripts shall be supported by an affidavit substantially in the form required by Rule 240(h) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. Such application should be prepared in the form of a Petition to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* to waive all or a portion of the transcript costs and filed in the appropriate filing office. A copy of the Order of Court granting a person the privilege of proceeding *In Forma Pauperis*, or at a reduced rate, must accompany the "Request for Transcript" form. A sample Petition to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* shall be made available in the recording offices, the Court Administrator's office and on line on the Butler County Courts web page.

(D) Copies of transcript

A request for a copy of any transcript previously ordered, transcribed and filed of record shall be provided by the appropriate filing office upon completion of a "Request for Transcript" and payment of the appropriate fee according to the following schedule:

- (1) \$0.75 per page, paper format; and,
- (2) \$0.50 per page electronic copy.

(E) Additional Costs

A trial judge may impose a reasonable surcharge in cases such as mass tort, medical malpractice or other unusually complex litigation, where there is a need for court reporters to significantly expand their dictionary. Such surcharges, not to exceed \$1.00 per page, are at the discretion of the trial judge.