

Court Reporter

What is it?

A Court Reporter creates a verbatim record of legal proceedings, such as trials, hearings, and depositions. Using specialised equipment and techniques, they ensure an accurate and official transcription of everything said in court, providing a vital service for legal and historical records.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

A high level of English proficiency and literacy skills is essential. Training in court reporting or stenography through accredited courses (e.g., diploma or certification programs). Some roles may require a degree in law or a related field. Practical experience through internships or entry-level transcription work is beneficial. Familiarity with legal terminology and court procedures is an advantage. Attention to detail and excellent listening skills

What the Work Involves:

Attending court sessions to record proceedings in real time using stenography or voice-writing equipment. Transcribing audio recordings into written documents. Reviewing transcripts for accuracy and formatting. Providing real-time captions for individuals with hearing impairments. Maintaining confidentiality and ensuring compliance with legal standards. Delivering transcripts to legal professionals, courts, or other clients promptly.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

Court reporting remains a niche but essential role within the justice system and other sectors like media and broadcasting. Demand for real-time captioning services is increasing due to accessibility requirements. Career progression includes specialising in real-time reporting, working as a freelance reporter, or transitioning into related roles like legal transcription or arbitration support.

Annual Salary £20,000 - £50,000

Typical weekly hours: 35 hours – 40

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

Have a strong command of the English language and grammar. Enjoy working in fast-paced, detail-oriented environments. Can maintain focus and accuracy under pressure. Value confidentiality and professionalism. Have an interest in law and the legal process.

Money/Wage Guide:

Starting salaries range £20,000 to £30,000 per year

With experience, Court Reporters can earn between £35,000 and £50,000.

Freelancers and with advanced skills you may earn over £50,000

Related Opportunities:

- Legal Transcriptionist:
- Captioner
- Arbitration Clerk

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