

6.1 Definitions

1 The following words and terms, when used in these rules, have the following meanings, unless the
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 (a) **Advisory Board** means the Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board.

4 (b) **Certification** means a certification issued by the Supreme Court of Texas on the Commission's
5 recommendation.

6 (c) **Code of Ethics** means the Code of Ethics or, if applicable, its predecessor, the Code of
7 Professional Conduct for Certified Shorthand Reporters and Court Reporting Firms approved
8 by the Supreme Court of Texas.

9 (d) **Court reporter** and **shorthand reporter** mean a person who is certified as a court reporter,
10 apprentice court reporter, or provisional court reporter under this chapter to engage [engages]
11 in shorthand reporting.

12 (e) **Court reporting** and **shorthand reporting** mean the practice of shorthand reporting for use
13 in litigation in the courts of this State by making a verbatim record of an oral court
14 proceeding, deposition, or proceeding before a grand jury, referee, or court commissioner
15 using written symbols in shorthand, machine shorthand, or oral stenography.

16 (f) **Court reporting firm, shorthand reporting firm, and affiliate office** mean an entity wholly
17 or partly in the business of providing court reporting or other related services in this State. A
18 court reporting firm, shorthand reporting firm, or affiliate office is considered to be providing
19 court reporting or other related services in this State if:

20 (1) any act that constitutes a court reporting service or shorthand reporting service occurs
21 wholly or partly in this State;

22 (2) the firm or affiliate office recruits a resident of this State through an intermediary located
23 inside or outside of this State to provide court reporting services, shorthand reporting
24 services, or other related services in this State; or

1 (3) the firm or affiliate office contracts with a resident of this State by mail or otherwise and
2 either party is to perform court reporting services, shorthand reporting services, or other
3 related services wholly or partly in this State.

4 (g) **Official court reporter** means the shorthand reporter appointed by a judge under Section
5 52.041 of the Government Code as the official court reporter for a particular court.

6 (h) **Registration** means a registration issued by the Commission.

7 (i) **RMR** means a Registered Merit Reporter certification issued by the National Court Reporters
8 Association.

9 (j) **RPR** means the Registered Professional Reporter certification issued by the National Court
10 Reporters Association.

11 (k) **Uniform Format Manual** means the manual approved by the Supreme Court of Texas that
12 governs the form of official reporters' records and freelance transcriptions.