POSTING DATE: CONTINUOUS

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

POSITION: **COURT REPORTER**
Common Pleas Court

Open to promotion, transfer and new applicants

SALARY: **$53,975 - $59,826 (G25)**

PURPOSE: **To establish an eligibility list for future vacancies within the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.**

Applications are being accepted for this position. Qualified applicants may apply by submitting a completed application, cover letter and resume to the Office of Human Resources, Room 668 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107. **No faxes please**.

REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Graduate of a court reporting school and certification that applicant takes verbatim dictation at 180, 200, and 225 wmp
- Registered Professional Reporter certification through the National Court Reporters Association. RPR certification must be maintained throughout term of employment with the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Possession of CSR certification may be substituted in appropriate circumstances in combination with acceptable professional experience.
- City residency required within six (6) months of satisfactory completion of an employment orientation period.
- Ability to perform the essential functions of the position.

GENERAL DEFINITION

This is highly responsible technical work reporting and transcribing verbatim testimony of court proceedings of related official segments of judicial procedures.

An employee in this class is responsible for taking verbatim notes of court proceedings through use of a computer-aided stenotype machine. Work also involves the use of a computer in transcribing the notes. Work requires precise accuracy because the transcripts represent the official record of court.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Records testimony in courtroom proceedings verbatim using a stenotype machine or a computer-aided transcription machine.
- Reads back portions of transcript during trial as requested.
- Supervises transcriptions of recorded material.
- Reviews and proofs transcribed material.
- Manages and files records of all transcripts, documents and computer disks.
- Delivers transcripts to appropriate personnel.
- Reviews cases and decides on proper methods of handling and processing, including reporting, transcribing and reproducing.
- Maintains statistics and records concerning hearings and transcript production.
- Orders and maintains equipment and supplies.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Considerable knowledge of English language, proper grammar, punctuation, spelling, syntax and sentence structure.
- Considerable knowledge of office management, record keeping procedures, legal terminology and medical terminology.
- Ability to take verbatim transcription at prescribed rates of speed within specified limits of accuracy in accordance with standards established by the Court.
- Ability to focus attention for prolonged periods of time.
- Ability to work under tight schedules.
- Ability to work until project completion.
- Ability to produce completed transcripts of verbatim testimony within and according to deadlines and accuracy standards as prescribed by the Court.
- Ability to learn within a short period of time courtroom procedures, practices and policies as applicable to the court reporter's assigned function.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with the judiciary, fellow employees, attorneys and the general public.
- Ability to fully utilize a computerized transcription system.

The First Judicial District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the First Judicial District will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals and encourages both prospective employees and incumbents to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RESOURCES

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OFFICE USE ONLY

POSITION	
File: Test	REJECTED:
	NOTICE TO TEST (1)
	(2)
	(3)
	RESULTS (1)
	(2)
	(3)

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:

1. City residency requirements will be enforced six months after completion of the orientation period of employment.
2. If any pertinent questions are not answered, this application will be rejected.
3. If you do not meet the minimum training and experience qualifications for the position applied for, this application will be rejected.
4. Application must be signed to be accepted, and returned to the Courts' Human Resources Office, Room 668 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107.
5. If you intentionally make any false statements or material omissions, this application will be rejected.

NAME *(Last, First, Middle Initial)—indicate any former names under which you worked or are known.*	ADDRESS *(City)* *(State)* *(Zip)*

EMAIL ADDRESS	HOME PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE

POSITION APPLIED FOR	SALARY DESIRED

RELATIVES EMPLOYED BY THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PA?

☐ No ☐ Yes NAME(S):

Have you ever been employed by the First Judicial District and/or the City of Philadelphia? Yes_☐_ No_☐_

Department(s):_____

Dates of employment: _____

Last title held: _____

Payroll Number: _____

Are you currently or have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Services? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, years of service: _____

May we contact your present employer for information? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, explain:

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Have you ever been dismissed for inefficiency, delinquency, or misconduct, or been permitted to resign to avoid dismissal? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, explain:

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Please provide license, registration, or certification information required for the position you are seeking. Also indicate whether such license, registration, or certification is currently active.

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READ THIS APPLICATION AND YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING BELOW

I certify that the statements made by me in this entire application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that if I knowingly omit or make any misstatement of facts I am subject to disqualification or dismissal and to such other penalties as may be prescribed by law, ordinance, or Personnel Policies. If I am hired, I understand I am being hired as an "at will employee" of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania. In the event that there is a need for a reduction in force, for any reason, I understand that I may be subject to layoff. I further understand that if there is a layoff I shall not be entitled to displace other court employees solely because of seniority.

Date _____ *Signature* _____

1. I agree to a drug test and to random drug testing during my employment with the FJD (If required by job assignment). ☐ Yes ☐ No

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2. I owe fines and costs to the FJD or another court in another jurisdiction. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, detail balances, dates, jurisdictions and reasons for nonpayment.

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3. I owe taxes to the City of Philadelphia or other jurisdictions, including the federal government (Wage Tax, Real Estate Tax, Business Privilege Tax or Federal Income Tax). ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, detail dates, amounts owed, jurisdictions and reasons for nonpayment.

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4. I owe Philadelphia Traffic Court and/or Philadelphia Parking fines or costs. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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5. My driver's license is currently suspended or revoked. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

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The above answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and, if untruthful, will subject me to penalties for false swearing in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION

	NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY/STATE	DID YOU GRADUATE		TYPE DEGREE RECEIVED	MAJOR COURSE STUDY
			Yes	No		
High School						
College, University or Professional School						
Other Training or School						

EXPERIENCE: *Describe your duties fully. If you held several different positions with the same employer, list each separately. Begin with the MOST RECENT employment and work backward consecutively. If you need more space, list in the same format on blank 8½ x 11 sheets.*

LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT	FIRM NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
From: Mo._____Yr._____			
To: Mo._____Yr._____	TYPE OF BUSINESS	YOUR TITLE	NAME & TITLE OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR
SALARY OR WAGE	DUTIES: *Describe the nature of the work PERSONALLY performed by you with estimated PERCENTAGE OF TIME on each type of work. State size and kind of working force, if any, supervised by you and extent of such supervision.*		
Starting_____per _____			
Final_____per _____			
TOTAL HRS. PER WEEK			
REASON FOR LEAVING			

LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT	FIRM NAME	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
From: Mo._____Yr._____			
To: Mo._____Yr._____	TYPE OF BUSINESS	YOUR TITLE	NAME & TITLE OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR
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Starting_____per _____			
Final_____per _____			
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Starting_____per _____			
Final_____per _____			
TOTAL HRS. PER WEEK			
REASON FOR LEAVING			

EXPERIENCE *(LIST ANY ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE OR VOLUNTEER WORK - ACCOUNT FOR ALL TIME SINCE SCHOOL)*

DATE *(Mo. & Year)*		NAME OF EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	YOUR TITLE	YOUR SALARY	REASON FOR LEAVING
From	To					

You must complete all pages of this application.

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

VOLUNTARY EEO SELF-IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Applicants are considered for all positions without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, veteran status, or disability status. As an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer, The First Judicial District of Pennsylvania complies with government regulations and affirmative action responsibilities. This information will be kept confidential.

It is requested that each applicant for employment with the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia County provide the following information. This information is voluntary and will not be considered in the selection process.

☐ I choose not to self Identify

1. Ethnic Group *(please check one)*

   ☐ Hispanic or Latino
   ☐ White (not Hispanic or Latino)
   ☐ Black or African American (not Hispanic or Latino)
   ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (not Hispanic or Latino)
   ☐ Asian (not Hispanic or Latino)
   ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native (not Hispanic or Latino)
   ☐ Two or More Races (not Hispanic or Latino)

2. Gender: _____

3. Position Applied For: _____

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I certify that the above information is true and correct. *(Please print legibly)*

Date: _____ *Name:*_____

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(Signature)

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