interested person may petition the board for a declaratory order or ruling in writing no less than 30 days prior to a board meeting. If timely filed, the matter will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the board's next meeting and will be finally disposed of by the board within 90 days after the meeting. Further review of such final disposition by the board may be sought in the same manner as review of agency decisions or orders in adjudicated cases, as provided in R.S. 49:962.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2551.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, LR 21:548 (June 1995), amended LR 22:1211 (December 1996).

#### §1103. Certification of Transcript

A. Effective January 1, 2015 each certified court reporter shall attest to the accuracy of every transcript prepared by that reporter by dating, signing, and sealing a certification page containing substantially the following language.

This certification is valid only for a transcript accompanied by my original signature and original required seal on this page.

- I, [reporter's name], Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, as the officer before whom this testimony was taken, do hereby certify that [name of person(s) to whom oath was administered], after having been duly sworn by me upon authority of R.S. 37:2554, did testify as hereinbefore set forth in the foregoing [number of] pages; that this testimony was reported by me in the [stenotype; stenomask; penwriter; electronic] reporting method, was prepared and transcribed by me or under my personal direction and supervision, and is a true and correct transcript to the best of my ability and understanding; that the transcript has been prepared in compliance with transcript format guidelines required by statute or by rules of the board, and that I am informed about the complete arrangement, financial or otherwise, with the person or entity making arrangements for deposition services; that I have acted in compliance with the prohibition on contractual relationships, as defined by Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 1434 and in rules and advisory opinions of the board; that I have no actual knowledge of any prohibited employment or contractual relationship, direct or indirect, between a court reporting firm and any party litigant in this matter nor is there any such relationship between myself and a party litigant in this matter. I am not related to counsel or to the parties herein, nor am I otherwise interested in the outcome of this matter,
- B. No certified court reporter shall execute the foregoing certification without having first reviewed and approved the accuracy of the transcript to which such certification is attached.
- C. Effective January 1, 2013, each certified official or deputy official court reporter shall attest to the accuracy of every transcript prepared by that reporter by dating, signing, and sealing a certification page containing substantially the following language.

This certificate is valid only for a transcript accompanied by my original signature and original required seal on this page.

I, [reporter's name], Official or Deputy Official Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, employed as an official or deputy official court reporter by the [court name] for the State of Louisiana, as the officer before whom this testimony was taken, do hereby certify that this testimony was reported by me in the [stenotype; stenomask; penwriter; electronic; digital] reporting method, was prepared and transcribed by me or under my direction and supervision, and is a true and correct transcript to the best of my ability and understanding; that the transcript has been prepared in compliance with transcript format guidelines required by statute or by rules of the board or by the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and that I am not related to counsel or to the parties herein nor am I otherwise interested in the outcome of this matter.

D. No certified official or deputy official court reporter shall execute the foregoing certification without having first reviewed and approved the accuracy of the transcript to which such certification is attached.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2554 and R.S. 37:2557.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, LR 21:21 (January 1995), amended by the Office of the Governor, Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, LR 37:318 (January 2011), LR 38: 1957 (August 2012), effective January 1, 2013, LR 41:334 (February 2015).

## §1105. Disclosure

A. Upon request by any party present at a deposition each certified court reporter shall disclose the complete arrangement, financial or otherwise, made between the reporter or any person or entity making arrangements for the reporter's services and the attorney or other party making such arrangements with the reporter, person, or entity. Each reporter is responsible for inquiring about and discovering such information before accepting any assignment.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2554 and R.S. 37:2557.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, LR 21:21 (January 1995), amended LR 22:445 (June 1996).

#### §1107. Comparable Services

A. A reporter shall offer any work product to all parties and counsel at the same time as it is offered to any other party or counsel.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2554 and R.S. 37:2557.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, LR 21:21 (January 1995).

# Chapter 13. Code of Ethics

### §1301. Guidelines for Professional Practice

A. The mandatory Code of Ethics defines the ethical relationship the public, the bench, and the bar have a right to expect from a certificate holder. It sets out the required conduct of the certificate holder when dealing with the user of reporting services, and acquaints the user, as well as the certificate holder, with guidelines established for professional behavior.