



## **Position Statement on Rule 4000**

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PCRA's mission is to assume responsibility for leadership, promote understanding of the profession and its importance in the judicial system of the Commonwealth. In addition, PCRA promotes harmony and a spirit of mutual assistance between the profession and the Legislature, the Courts and members of the Bar, and cooperates with state and local governments for the benefit and general welfare of the public, as well as to advance the interests of the reporting profession.

The nature and purpose of Rule 4000, in part, is to govern the making, preserving and transcribing of the record of proceedings within the Unified Judicial System, to make transcripts affordable for all litigants, and to reduce litigation costs and conserve public resources. PCRA understands the nature and purpose of Rule 4000 and is committed to providing information to assist reporters in gaining a better understanding of the rule, so that they may work together with their judiciary and court administration to implement the rule in the manner most favorable to all.

PCRA's Board of Directors has voted to remain neutral with respect to how individual counties respond to implementation of Rule 4000; however, PCRA continues to work within the official structure to address concerns with Rule 4000 and other regulatory issues that affect court reporters in the Commonwealth.

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