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Currently, the State of California is facing an unprecedented court reporter shortage as the number of court reporters leaving the workforce far exceeds the number of new reporters entering the court service. Unfortunately, the Fresno Superior Court is no exception and, despite ongoing recruitment efforts, finds itself in a similar predicament.

Due to this, effective May 1, 2023, the Fresno Superior Court will no longer provide court reporters for non-criminal matters with the exception of limited statutorily required case types.

Official court reporters are statutorily required and will be provided for felony criminal cases, juvenile cases, proceedings to declare a minor free from custody, and proceedings under the Lanterman-Petris Short Act. Matters that will no longer have a court reporter present will be Family Law, Civil and Probate.

“We must focus our limited resources on the statutorily mandated case types” said Presiding Judge David Kalemkarian. “It was a difficult and unpopular decision, but we ultimately have no other options”.

In an effort to attract new court reporters, the Fresno Superior Court continues to offer a very competitive salary, hiring incentives of up to \$8,000 and many other benefits, however, the court reporter shortage persists.

For further information on the changes and for information on the court reporter recruitment efforts, please visit www.fresno.courts.ca.gov.

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