

Adoption of 55 Characters Per Line as the New Transcript Standard

Directive # 1-00
Issued by:

January 10, 2000
Richard J. Williams
Acting Administrative Director

In accordance with Rule 2:5-3(e), the Administrative Director of the Courts fixes the standards for preparation of court transcripts. Currently, we have two standards for the number of characters per line of transcript -- 63 characters per line for full page transcripts and 60 characters per line for compressed transcripts. To enhance the readability of all transcripts and to ensure uniformity and consistency, I am hereby setting the standard for full page and compressed transcript lines at 55 characters per line including spaces. This standard is effective immediately. Failure to follow the standard will not, however, be cause for rejection of transcripts filed before March 1, 2000.

Please note that the format of transcripts also must conform to Rule 2:6-10, as relaxed by Supreme Court Order dated January 12, 1999. That Order provides that no more than two transcript pages may be reproduced on a single page and further provides that both sides of a page may be used if the paper meets weight standards prescribed by the rule.

Any questions that you might have regarding the implementation of this directive should be directed to Reporting and Technical Services, at (609) 292-2644.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The final paragraph has been edited to delete the name of the contact person.