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In re: Amendments to Rule 24-Voluntary Retired Certificate Status and Inactive Status of the Rules of the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters

2025 OK 70

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THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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ORDER

Rule 24 - Voluntary Retired Certificate Status and Inactive Status of the Oklahoma Rules of the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, Title 20, Chapter 20, Appendix 1, is hereby amended as shown on the attached Exhibit "A." The remainder of Rule 24 is unaffected by the amendment. The amended rule shall be effective immediately upon the date of issuance of this order.

DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT IN CONFERENCE THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

/S/ _____

CHIEF JUSTICE

ALL JUSTICES CONCUR.

EXHIBIT A

Oklahoma Rules of the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters

Proposed Amendments

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a)(1) A person enrolled in good standing as a certified shorthand reporter may apply to the Board to have his/her certificate placed in voluntary retired status. Such application must be in writing, in letter form, and submitted to the Administrative Director of the Courts.

(2) A person enrolled in good standing as a certified shorthand reporter may apply to the Board to have his/her certificate placed on inactive status. Such application must be in writing, in letter form, and submitted to the Administrative Director of the Courts.

b) To qualify for either retired or inactive status, a court reporter's certificate must be current. A payment of any accrued certificate renewal fee, delinquent payment fee, continuing education penalty fee, or continuing education suspension fee must be submitted with the application for retired or inactive status. If the court reporter's certificate is current and in good standing, no fee is required to apply for retired or inactive status.

c) Qualifying applications for voluntary retired status and inactive status may be granted without formal action by the Board.

d) The Board shall deny a request to place a court reporter on retired or inactive status if there are any current or pending complaints or formal disciplinary actions against the court reporter, or if the court reporter's certificate is revoked or suspended pursuant to formal disciplinary action.

e)(1) A court reporter who holds a retired certificate will be exempt from payment of the certificate renewal fees and the continuing education requirements. However, the holder of a retired certificate may not engage in the practice of court reporting in Oklahoma.

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f) A court reporter who holds a retired certificate, or an inactive status court reporter who has not been actively employed as a reporter elsewhere, may apply to the Board to have his/her certificate reinstated to active status within twelve (12) months from the date on which the retired or inactive status became effective. Such reinstatement application must be in writing, in letter form, and submitted to the Administrative Director of the Courts, and shall be accompanied by the following:

1) Payment of an amount equal to the annual certificate renewal fee;

2) Payment of a reinstatement fee, in an amount to be determined by the Board and approved by the Supreme Court; and

3) Proof of completion of four (4) hours of continuing education within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of reinstatement request.

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