

# Justice *requires* accuracy

The Ministry of the Attorney General announced on May 15 that it will create a “**private regulator**” that will control all aspects of court transcription.

From the little information we have and given this government’s track record, we expect:

- **Loss of quality and continuity** because the reporter in the courtroom will no longer prepare the transcript.
- **Costly membership fees** for court reporters. How much? Nobody’s saying.
- **Extra fees** charged to people ordering transcripts. How much? Nobody’s saying.
- **Confusion over page rates.** Will they go up? Down? The rate has been frozen for more than 20 years.
- **No access to paper, binders, covers and binding equipment,** resources currently available to reporters in some courthouses.
- **No fair rotation and allocation** of court transcript work
- **No protection** against favouritism
- **No protection** against arbitrary decisions
- **No accountability** or transparency
- **Possible offshore outsourcing**

Creating a **private regulator will add millions of dollars** to the administration of justice – costs that court reporters and litigants will have to cover. It will **not** guarantee accurate transcripts in a timely manner. How does this serve our justice system?

The ministry is outsourcing court transcription to **deliberately avoid compliance** with a legal ruling that says the production of transcripts is covered under the OPSEU collective agreement.

## ***Protect the integrity of the record.***

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