



Judicial Council of Georgia
Board of Court Reporting

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Reply to:
Aquaria Smith, Program Manager

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Ms. Kim Hunnicutt, President
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Re: One-Year Provisional License for Georgia Graduates

Dear Ms. Hunnicutt:

The Board of Court Reporting appreciates the time and effort of the Georgia Shorthand Reporters Association (GSRA) in its presentation and proposal of a One-Year Provisional License for Georgia Graduates.

The Board is always eager to consider innovative and novel ideas for the improvement of the court reporting profession in Georgia. In our observation, associations such as the Georgia Shorthand Reporters Association are key to the profession as a venue for the exchange of ideas and have proven to be valued resources for the court reporting community. Thus, when the Board receives such well-reasoned and well-presented proposals such as the one you presented, thoughtful and careful deliberation and consideration takes place. The members of the Board were especially appreciative for your in-person presentation.

However, the Board has determined that there are already sufficient measures in place for persons to pursue training and practice while seeking certification in Georgia. Therefore, we decline to move forward on the idea of a One-Year Provisional license.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to consider the proposal and please do not hesitate to approach us again with any future suggestions.

Sincerely,

Hon. Linda S. Cowen
Chair, Board of Court Reporting