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Rule Change: Supreme Court Rule 26
Docket number: M2013-01132-SC-RL2-RL
Your public comments: By allowing electronic recordings to be used as the
official transcript on appeal, that takes away the majority of my job and my
income. I do not believe that judges, lawyers, public defenders, district
attorneys nor their clients will benefit from listening to recordings when
they can have a printed copy in front of them or even have the transcript on
their computer. Please do not change this Rule. The economy is bad enough
without taking away more jobs and that is exactly what you are doing to all
the criminal court reporters.

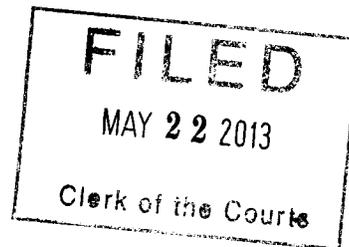
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RE: M2013-01132-SC-RL2-RL - CD-Rom

Mr. Catalano:

I would like to express my dismay and disapproval of the potential use by all Courts of electronic recording of trial court proceedings under Rule 26. It appears as if it may be the long-term intent to use the CD-Rom recorded Court proceeding in lieu of the actual Court Reporter that is now in place in most districts including the 26th District, where I serve as Circuit Court Judge of Division III.

The use of such devices cannot replace, by any means, the hands-on ability of an actual reporter to adjust, correct, read back or assist with the ongoing trials on a long-term or regular basis.

Further, the use of Section 2.05 exhibit list in actual trials, would be burdensome, take away from the Judge's ability to pay close attention to the remaining proceedings of the Court and would undoubtedly be an additional administrative duty, which when the CD-Rom fails or has problems, would assume to be the responsibility of Trial Judges to correct, monitor or explain why the same was not or did not act accordingly.

Thusly, for the aforesaid reasons, and the fact that use of CD-Rom equipment to record court proceedings would undoubtedly add to the confusion, complexity and in some cases, unnecessary delay of both regular proceedings and appellate proceedings.

Therefore, I would recommend that the Supreme Court not expand the use of such CD-Rom to record court proceedings beyond the Sixth Circuit Court for the 20th Judicial District. I thank you in advance for your attention and if there is anything else needed to express my opposition to the same, please let me know at once.

Sincerely,

NATHAN B. PRIDE
Circuit Court Judge - Division III