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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Court Court Reporters
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FROM: Beth McLaughlin
Supreme Court Administrator

DATE: June 23, 2014

RE: Transcript Fees

The Office of Court Administrator (OCA) is required to calculate the new transcript fees in each even-numbered year. The rate (as detailed in 3-5-604, MCA) is based on a calculation using the consumer price index. **The new rates are effective on July 1, 2015.**

Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, the following rates apply to transcripts:

- Ordinary Transcript rate per page (furnished to any state or local government agency); \$2.10
- Ordinary Transcript rate per page (furnished to any non-governmental party): \$2.65)
- Expedited Transcript rate per page: \$4.20
- Daily Transcript rate per page: \$5.25

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Transcript Rate Calculation for Court Reporters

June 2014 - Prepared by the Office of Court Administrator

3-5-604

(ii) Prior to June 30 of each even-numbered year, the office of the court administrator shall determine whether an increase of the transcript amount specified in subsections (2)(a)(i) through (2)(a)(iii) must be made based on the increase, if any, from June of the preceding year to May of the year in which the calculation is made in the consumer price index, U.S. city average, all urban consumers, for all items, as published by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.

(iii) The transcript amount established under subsection (2)(b)(ii) must be rounded to the nearest 5 cents and becomes effective as the new transcript cost, replacing the costs specified in subsections (2)(a)(i) through (2)(a)(iii), on July 1 of the year following the year the calculation was made. The office of the court administrator shall publish the adjusted costs on the judicial branch website prior to July 1 of each year.

Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items

June 2013 233.504
 May 2014 237.900

Increase Of 4.396

237.900	less	233.504	=	4.396
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Percentage Increase 0.018826

4.396	/	233.504	=	0.018826
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Current Ordinary Transcript Rate/Page \$ 2.05
 New Ordinary Transcript Rate/Page \$ 2.10

\$ 2.05	x	0.018826	=	0.038594
Rounded to Nearest 5 Cents				= 0.05
Increase				

Current Expedited Transcript Rate/Page \$ 4.10
 New expedited Transcript Rate/Page \$ 4.20

\$ 4.10	x	0.018826	=	0.077188
Rounded to Nearest 5 Cents				= 0.10
Increase				

Current Daily Transcript Rate/Page \$ 5.15
 New Daily Transcript Rate/Page \$ 5.25

\$ 5.15	x	0.018826	=	0.096955
Rounded to Nearest 5 Cents				= 0.10
Increase				

Ordinary Transcript Rate/Page \$ 2.10 Effective 7/1/15-6/30/17

Expedited Transcript Rate/Page \$ 4.20 Effective 7/1/15-6/30/17

Daily Transcript Rate/Page \$ 5.25 Effective 7/1/15-6/30/17