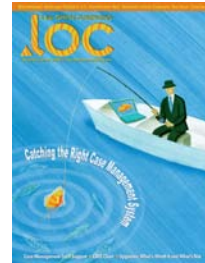


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Utilities: RealLegal Publisher 3.0

How do you get deposition transcripts from court reporters? Do you have paper copies delivered to your office? Floppy disks? Are they e-mailed to you? And how do you get the related exhibits?

There is something very official about seeing the words of a conversation typed out on paper. A court reporter's duty is to transcribe every word accurately and fully. When you receive that stack of pages in a thick, brown envelope, you know it's the official and literal last word. But as in many other facets of the practice of law, technology offers an alternative to wasteful paper practices.

If you have looked at court reporters' tools recently, you might

have noticed a laptop computer has been added to the usual cadre of paper, pencils, exhibit stickers and stenography machines. The laptop is connected to

the screen. When you click on a word in the index, you will be taken to the first instance of the word in the transcript. Then, you can navigate to other occurrences of the word by page and line number, and even print from the E-Transcript Viewer.

In addition to the incredibly helpful tools in the E-Transcript Viewer, the text in the transcripts can be hyperlinked to exhibit images. A court reporter can take a copy of the exhibits used at a deposition or hearing, scan them and link them to where they are mentioned in the transcript. That way, when you are perusing and reviewing the transcript and need to view

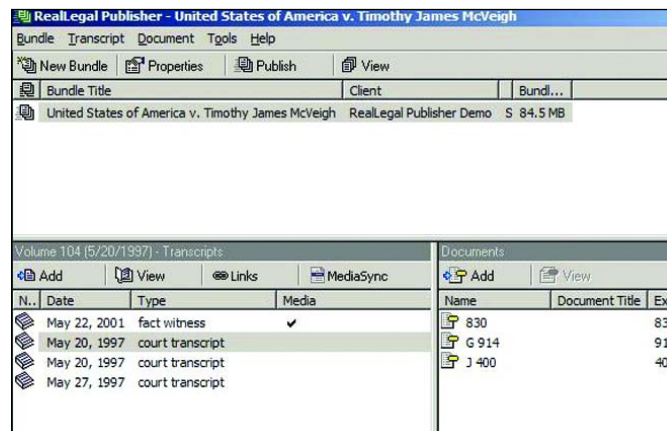
the exhibit being discussed, you can click on the link and go right to it. No more having to dig through a bulky exhibit binder to find the right document.

If you pay for a deposition or hearing to be video-taped, the footage can be synchronized with the text so you can watch the witness and simultaneously follow along with the transcript. Body language can say a lot and having a shifty witness on video during a deposition can be worth its weight in gold.

If your law firm has a full copy of RealLegal Binder, a Publisher bundle will load right in so you can aggregate all your transcripts and case exhibits in a single location. RealLegal Binder also will allow you to annotate and issue code your transcripts.

RealLegal Publisher 3.0 is a fantastic method for transcript delivery. If you are interested in examining a RealLegal Publisher CD, ask your court reporter. Chances are, they already use the technology. **loc**

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The RealLegal E-Transcript Viewer can search for any word or phrase within a transcript.

the stenography machine and immediately interprets the cryptic stenography output into real-time, normal-speech text. But the presence of a laptop computer also signifies that court reporters today can do more than just serve as a human "print button."

For example, with RealLegal Publisher 3.0, court reporters can bundle together all official testimony, exhibit images and even video into a single CD that can be viewed on your own PC. When you place that CD in your computer, the transcripts and images load immediately. You don't need any other software to view the contents of the CD.

When I placed the RealLegal Publisher CD in my computer, a window opened with a list of transcripts on one side and a list of exhibits on the other. Double-clicking on a transcript opened it in another window. When a transcript is opened, you will see it in the E-Transcript Viewer window, and exhibits are seen through the Exhibit Viewer window. The E-Transcript Viewer provides an easy-to-navigate interface capable of searching for any word or phrase. You also will see a helpful word index down the right side of

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Pros: Intuitive wizards. No software needed for viewing CD. Can burn a CD or upload to Internet site.

Cons: I didn't really find any.

Verdict: I recommend this product for every court reporting agency that would like to offer their legal clients something more.

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