

COURT REPORTERS BOARD
MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION
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Overview:

The Court Reporters Board moved at its October 2006 meeting to establish a goal to convene a task force to study options for implementing continuing competency of court reporters. The task force will be developed after this meeting to document and formalize those strategies required for the Board to pursue this goal.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify for the MCC task force those barriers and challenges the Board will face in implementing mandatory continuing competency (MCC).

Background:

- 1994 – 2000 - The Board has pursued the issue of MCC since at least 1994. Some of those attempts resulted in (failed) legislation to mandate MCC for reporters. (It is unknown why it failed; the MCC committee can perform additional research).
- 2000-2001 - A formal Board MCC committee was formed between 2000 - 2001 that constructed detailed information for the Board on the development, establishment and implementation of MCC. These recommendations included legislative language, curriculum, acceptable MCC opportunities, MCC provider approval process, CRB auditing for reporter compliance, etc. The Board was not successful in pursuing MCC.
- 2002-2005 - Sunset Review asks in two different sessions why the Board does not have a Continuing Education (CE) program. The response was that the administration did not support new CE for licensees. Note: These questions did not make it into the final questions for the Sunset Review, but it is asked at every session. The Board meets with the DCA and is told that CE would not be supported. The Board does not pursue CE.
- 2006 - New Boardmembers appointed to CRB. October 2006 the Board identifies as a strategic goal the need to review options for implementing MCC.

Suggested Discussion Topics:

Administration outlook – Any considerations as to the current administrations' position on MCC.

Legislative outlook – Is there support, opposition, what are the strategies to ensure success.

Justifying MCC: Consumer need – How are consumers being damaged due to lack of MCC i.e., what is the benefit of MCC; how will MCC protect consumers? (MCC can address in additional detail)