



How about you – Did you know?

Have you ever wondered why some reporters always have the answers? No matter how obscure the rule, no matter how “insignificant” the question may seem, some reporters just know the answer or can point you to precisely the right place to find it.

We’d like to help you become *that* resource so you can start your own library and always find the answer! Let’s start with the basics, and in each future edition we hope to expand on this foundation in an effort to help you protect your most valuable asset – your license to report!

There are several bodies of rules in which are embedded the duties and responsibilities of the reporting process. Both Certified Reporters and Registered Reporting Firms must be aware of and attentive to each of those sources:

- [Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 32, Chapter 40](#)
- Arizona Code of Judicial Administration Sections [7-201](#) and [7-206](#)
- Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, [Rule 28](#) and [Rule 30](#)
- Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, [Rule 28 and Rule 30](#)

The Arizona Supreme Court Board of Certified Reporters governs the Arizona reporting profession, overseeing everything from initial certification to complaints and discipline, and sometimes initiating changes to the administrative code. The Board meets on the first or second Thursday of every other month in an open forum. Did you know that ACRA makes every attempt to have an ACRA Board member present at every one of these meetings to monitor for any changes that may be discussed and to update the Board of Certified Reporters on matters of importance that have come to ACRA’s attention? We



encourage you to take an active role – come to a meeting and be a part of the process firsthand!

The Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure have recently undergone a thorough overhaul by the Arizona Supreme Court. Some of these changes took effect in January 2017; others will take effect in July 2018 – yes, some of these changes do affect some functions of our job as reporters and firm owners, for example the read-and-sign protocol. We will provide further detail of these changes and their effect on our functions as soon as ACRA’s attorney completes his summary.

There is also now pending a change to the Arizona Supreme Court Rules that directly relates to reporting in Arizona. Your ACRA Board and its counsel are analyzing and evaluating ACRA’s response to this proposal and will share that response upon completion.

We are excited to bring you these updates and reminders, as well as analysis of any changes to codes, rules, and statutes that may affect what we do and how we do it. For ease of member use and reference, ACRA’s website will host the growing archive of these “Did You Know” topics!

Have a question you would like to see referenced? Send your suggestion to office@acraonline.com.

