

Questions to ask when firms call you to cover a job

- What percentage of the job will you be taking?
- How much will I be paid for the O+1? Copies? Realtime? Rough draft? Exhibits? Is there an hourly or per diem?
- Is this expected to be an expedite?
- What if it's a no show...how much do I receive?
- What is your method of payment for reporters that work for you? 30,45 days, what?
- Do you pay me as a firm or individual reporter?
- Will you want a paper transcript sent to you?
- Will an ASCII transcript and original cert pages be okay?
- Will you be reformatting my ASCII?
- "I have a confirmation letter I'd appreciate having you sign. Is that okay to have you sign that and fax back to me?" If they don't want to do this be CAREFUL!