



## THE COURT REPORTER'S CREED

**My profession stems from humanity's desire and its necessity to preserve the happenings of yesterday and tomorrow.**

**My profession was born with the rise of civilization in ancient Greece.**

**I was known as a scribe in Judea, Persia and the Roman Empire.**

**I preserved the Ten Commandments for posterity and was with King Solomon while building the temple.**

**I was with the founding fathers of the United States when they drafted the Declaration of Independence. My hand labored upon the scroll that set forth the Bill of Rights.**

**The immortal Abraham Lincoln entrusted me to record the Emancipation Proclamation.**

**I was commissioned to be with Roosevelt at Yalta. I was with Eisenhower on D-Day and with MacArthur at Tokyo.**

**I put into written language man's first landing on the moon for the world to read. I translate spoken words into written words for deaf and hard-of-hearing people.**

**I create the instantaneous closed captions on television for all people to read.**

**I have kept confidence reposed with me by those in high places, as well as those in lowly places.**

**My profession protects the truthful witness, and I am a nemesis of the perjurer. I am a party to the administration of justice under the law and the court I serve.**

**I discharge my duties with devotion and honor. Perhaps I haven't made history, but I have preserved it through the ages.**

**In the past I was called a scribe. Today I am the court reporter that sits in the courts of my country. I am the reporter who is the keeper of the Congressional Record of the United States.**

**I am the Verbatim Court Reporter!**