

## RESOLUTION

Whereas, The National Conference of Metropolitan Courts seeks to promote the independence and neutrality of all court officers and urges that any appearance of impropriety and bias in the judicial process be avoided.

And Whereas, court reporters function as officers of the court,

And Whereas, some court reporters and court reporting firms have entered into exclusive contracts with parties and/or parties interested in litigation and such contracts appear to compromise the neutrality of such court officers and negatively affect the public's confidence in the judicial process,

And Whereas, the National Court Reporters Association has resolved to support legislative efforts to oppose and limit contracting arrangements in order to maintain the impartiality and independence of all court reporters,

And Whereas, legislation has been enacted in various jurisdictions to prohibit or limit contracting arrangements between parties in interest or their attorneys and court reporters, or require full disclosure to all of such contracting arrangements,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the National Conference of Metropolitan Court fully endorses the efforts of the National Court Reporters Association in its efforts to seek the limitation of exclusive court reporting contracts and its efforts to maintain and preserve the integrity and impartiality of the judicial process.

DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Feb., 1999.

  
HONORABLE JAMES MURPHY, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METROPOLITAN COURTS