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I am a freelance court reporter, and the only Notarial act I use is that of swearing in a witness at a deposition. I have neither the desire nor the intention of using my Notary commission in any other manner. I do not feel that I need to pass a test for recommission in order to perform this duty. In fact, I do not feel that court reporters should be required to keep a journal of the swearing-in of witnesses, period. This extra duty was imposed upon court reporters a few years ago, and it is burdensome and, quite frankly, just an extra task among all the other duties a court reporter has on their plate, and is absolutely unnecessary. If I am required to take a test to perform the simple duty of swearing in a witness at a deposition to obtain recommission, then I will not be renewing my commission once it expires. This state is starting to see a shortage of reporters, and these Notarial rules are, in my opinion, making that shortage worse. However, I can see the significance of these rules for Notaries who are charging for their services and actually signing and sealing a document as a Notary! This does not apply to court reporters, who are swearing in witnesses only!

Thanks for listening!

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