

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____ Rule Number Plc 1200

<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p>Office of Professional Licensure & Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301</p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: <u>RSA 310-A:164</u></p> <p>3. Federal Authority: <u>n/a</u></p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Adoption _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Repeal _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Readoption _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Readoption w/amendment <u>X</u></p>
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5. Short Title: **Court Reporters**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

Laws of 2022, ch. 64, eff. 7-19-22, amended RSA 310-A:161-181 to convert the previous Board of Court Reporters to an advisory board and transfer the Board’s authority to the Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensing and Certification (OPLC), in consultation with the advisory board. The Executive Director adopted interim rules effective February 1, 2023 to implement RSA 310-A:161-181, and is now proposing to readopt the interim rules with amendments as regular (10-year) rules.

The amendments are intended to (1) address comments received from OLS on the proposed interim rules that were not addressed in the adopted rules; (2) revise language in, or add language to, the rules to align with updated language in other OPLC rules; (3) apply a 10-year time limit to what must be reported for experience as there is in the background and character questions; (4) replace provisions that duplicate what is in Plc 300 with incorporations of the applicable section of Plc 300; and (5) clarify the procedures for license reinstatement after suspension.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

The proposed rules will affect any individual who is a licensed court reporter or who wishes to become a licensed court reporter in New Hampshire.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	State Statute Implemented
Plc 1200 (see below for more specific statutes)	RSA 310-A:161-181
Plc 1203	RSA 310-A:163
Plc 1204	RSA 310-A:167-170
Plc 1205	RSA 310-A:172; RSA 310-A:178
Plc 1206	RSA 310-A:173
Plc 1207	RSA 310-A:180
Plc 1208	RSA 310-A:174-175

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7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

Name: **Gretchen Hamel** Title: **Program Specialist IV**
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7 Eagle Square Fax #: **[discontinued]**
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The rules can be reviewed on-line at
<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/oplc-laws-and-rules>

TTY/TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964
or dial 711 (in NH)

8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **4:00 PM on Friday, May 19, 2023**

Please submit comments to OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov

Fax E-mail Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM**
Place: **3rd floor Hearing Room, Office of Professional Licensure & Certification, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 23:088, dated 03/31/2023

1. **Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

2. **Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. **Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

A. **To State general or State special funds:**

None.

B. **To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

None.

C. **To independently owned businesses:**

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The rules do not apply to political subdivisions, so the rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures and so do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.