

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT**  
**DIVISION FOUR**

PERSONAL COURT REPORTERS, INC.

Plaintiff and Respondent,

Vs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Civil No. B229358

GARY RAND dba RAND & RAND-LEWIS,

SUZANNE RAND-LEWIS dba RAND & RAND-LEWIS;

and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendants and Appellants.

APPEAL FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
HONORABLE MICHAEL HARWIN, JUDGE  
TRIAL COURT CASE NO. LC088468

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**AMICUS LETTER**

written on behalf of the

**CALIFORNIA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION**

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Dear Justices of the Court:

On behalf of the California Court Reporters Association, a nonprofit association representing California court reporters, I respectfully request that the Court uphold the Trial Court's decision.

Respondent Personal Court Reporters did not bring this suit to frighten or intimidate the Appellants Rand into not complaining about their fees, which would have a chilling effect and infringe upon their right to free speech; PCR merely brought the

suit to collect fees. The facts show that Respondent PCR attempted to negotiate a payment schedule with the Appellants Rand.

This is a frivolous motion that threatens California court reporters' ability statewide to collect fees for services rendered in court and in deposition. Discovery proceedings, trial court proceedings and the appellate process could be severely hampered if court reporters could not collect.

If such a motion were granted, perhaps doctors, lawyers, accountants, engineers, or any professional's ability to collect fees for services rendered would be threatened.

Parties should not be able to interpose a motion like this to interfere with the collection of a valid debt. A motion like this cheapens one's constitutional rights by arguing that a court reporter or anyone else attempting to collect a bill is violating somebody's constitutional right because they complained about the bill.

Based upon the facts, we respectfully request that the Court uphold the Trial Court's decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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