

BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS,

Case No. NV01-2019

Petitioner,

vs.

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS  
OF LAW, AND ORDER**

PETER J HELLMAN;  
DEPOSITION SERVICES, LLC, d/b/a/  
EVOLVE REPORTING, FIRM # 078F;  
and  
NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM  
#086F (expired).

Respondents.

The complaint came before the Nevada State Board of Certified Court Reporters ("Board") on March 18, 2019, with Board members Dan Waite, Heidi Konsten, Lori Judd, and Peggy Elias present. Providing legal counsel for the Board was Sophia Long, Deputy Attorney General. The Board Staff was represented by counsel, Asheesh S. Bhalla, Deputy Attorney General. At the time of the hearing, PETER J. HELLMAN appeared before the Board. PETER J. HELLMAN, DEPOSITION SERVICES LLC, d/b/a EVOLVE REPORTING, FIRM #078F were represented by counsel, Jennifer L. Foley, At the time of the hearing, no authorized or apparently authorized agent, appeared on behalf of NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F before the Board.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Based on testimony and exhibits admitted at the hearing, the Board found that the notice of Hearing had been sent by regular and certified mail to Respondents' last known business address on file with the Board, which is sufficient legal service pursuant to NAC 656.440(2).

2. Based on the Board's finding that Respondents were provided proper notice of the citation appeal pursuant to NAC 656.440(2), and the Board proceeded to hear and decide the matter.

3. Respondents were at all relevant times mentioned in the Complaint

1 licensed by the Board to operate a licensed court reporting firm.

2 4. As the owner of a licensed court reporting firm, PETER J HELLMAN did  
3 engage in the business of court reporting, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of  
4 the Board and the provisions of NRS Chapter 656 and NAC Chapter 656.

5 5. Pursuant to NRS Chapter 656, the Board is vested with the sole discretion  
6 to discipline licensed court reporting firms and licensed court reporters.

7 6. On or about September 11, 2012, EVOLVE LITIGATION LLC  
8 (NV20121550345) (revoked) was registered with the Nevada Secretary of State as a  
9 Domestic Limited Liability Company.

10 7. On or about September 11, 2012, EVOLVE LITIGATION LLC  
11 (NV20121550345) (revoked) listed PETER J HELLMAN, as an Officer and a registered  
12 Manager.

13 8. On or about October 2, 2014, EVOLVE DEPOSITION AND TRIAL  
14 SERVICES LLC (NV20141623341) (revoked) was registered with the Nevada  
15 Secretary of State as a Domestic Limited Liability Company.

16 9. On or about October 2, 2014, EVOLVE DEPOSITION AND TRIAL  
17 SERVICES LLC (NV20141623341) (revoked) listed PETER J HELLMAN, as an Officer  
18 and a registered Manager.

19 10. On or about January 29, 2016, NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC  
20 (NV20161058908) (dissolved) was registered with the Nevada Secretary of State as a  
21 Domestic Limited Liability Company.

22 11. On or about January 29, 2016, NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC  
23 (NV20161058908) (dissolved) listed PETER J HELLMAN, as an Officer and a  
24 registered Manager.

25 12. On or about February 6, 2018, DEPOSITION SERVICES, LLC  
26 (NV20181091490) was registered with the Nevada Secretary of State as a Domestic  
27 Limited Liability Company.

28 13. On or about February 6, 2018, DEPOSITION SERVICES, LLC

1 (NV20181091490) listed PETER J HELLMAN, as an Officer and a registered Manager.

2 14. PETER J HELLMAN, owner of NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC, a  
3 Nevada corporation that operated NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F  
4 (expired), was at the relevant times mentioned in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing,  
5 licensed by the Board to operate a licensed court reporting firm subject to the  
6 jurisdiction of the Board and the provision of NRS Chapter 656 and NAC Chapter 656.

7 15. PETER J HELLMAN, owner of DEPOSITION SERVICES LLC a Nevada  
8 corporation d/b/a EVOLVE REPORTING, FIRM #078F (active), was at the relevant  
9 times mentioned in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing, licensed by the Board to  
10 operate a licensed court reporting firm subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and the  
11 provision of NRS Chapter 656 and NAC Chapter 656.

12 16. On or about February 2, 2016, PETER J HELLMAN submitted an  
13 application on behalf of NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC for a State of Nevada  
14 court reporting firm license.

15 17. On or about July 3, 2017, the State of Nevada court reporting firm license  
16 of NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F expired.

17 18. On or about June 13, 2018, PETER J HELLMAN submitted to the State  
18 of Nevada a court reporting firm license application on behalf of EVOLVE COURT  
19 REPORTING, FIRM #078F for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

20 19. On or about July 5, 2018, PETER J HELLMAN stated in an electronic mail  
21 communication to the Board that NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F will  
22 cease as a court reporting firm as of June 30, 2018.

23 20. The application submitted by PETER J HELLMAN on behalf of EVOLVE  
24 COURT REPORTING, FIRM #078F to the State of Nevada states that DEPOSITION  
25 SERVICES LLC conducts business in Clark County, Nevada under the fictitious name  
26 of EVOLVE REPORTING.

27 21. The application submitted by PETER J HELLMAN to the State of Nevada  
28 provides that "Mr. Peter Hellman" is the "Designative Firm Representative" of

1 EVOLVE REPORTING.

2 22. The "Certificate of Business" included with the application submitted by  
3 PETER J HELLMAN provides, under the penalty of perjury, that all statements made  
4 in the document are true.

5 23. On or about December 27, 2016, "Colville & Dippel LLC" sent Invoice  
6 #322248 to PETER J HELLMAN and NEVADA COURT REPORTING regarding a  
7 completed court reporting firm engagement, for a total of \$604.00

8 24. On or about December 27, 2016, "Colville & Dippel LLC" sent Invoice  
9 #322250 to PETER J HELLMAN and NEVADA COURT REPORTING regarding a  
10 completed court reporting firm engagement, for a total of \$152.50

11 25. On or about December 27, 2016, "Colville & Dippel LLC" sent Invoice  
12 #322249 to PETER J HELLMAN and NEVADA COURT REPORTING regarding a  
13 completed court reporting firm engagement, for a total of \$152.50

14 26. On or about February 6, 2017, "Colville & Dippel LLC" sent Invoice  
15 #322434 to PETER J HELLMAN and NEVADA COURT REPORTING regarding a  
16 completed court reporting firm engagement, for a total of \$152.50

17 27. On or about October 10, 2018, the Board sent two notices to PETER J  
18 HELLMAN and NEVADA COURT REPORTING regarding violations of NRS  
19 656.250(1)(a).

20 28. On or about October 12, 2018, PETER J HELLMAN stated in a phone  
21 conversation with the Executive Secretary, that attorney for PETER J HELLMAN  
22 would provide a written answer.

23 29. On or about November 10, 2018, a written response was due to be  
24 submitted to the Board by PETER J HELLMAN.

25 30. On or about November 13, 2018, the Board e-mailed PETER J HELLMAN  
26 to inquire when and if a written response would be filed with the Board.

27 31. On or about November 16, 2018, PETER J HELLMAN communicated with  
28 the Board that NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC had been dissolved with the

1 Secretary of State.

2 32. On or about November 16, 2018, PETER J HELLMAN stated that because  
3 he is not an officer or qualifying agent for NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC that  
4 he is unable to respond to the Complaint.

5 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

6 The Board, based upon the preponderance of the evidence, makes the following legal  
7 conclusions:

8 1. Respondent, NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC, a Nevada corporation  
9 that operated NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F (expired), is subject to  
10 discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 656.250(6) for demonstrated  
11 unworthiness or incompetency to act as a certified court reporter in such a manner  
12 as to safeguard the interests of the public.

13 2. Respondent, NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC, a Nevada corporation  
14 that operated NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F (expired), is subject to  
15 discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 656.250(10)(a) for failing to comply with  
16 the requirements of NAC 656.420(6) when Respondent failed to cooperate with the  
17 Board during the investigation of the informal complaint, including the failure to  
18 respond in a timely manner.

19 **ORDER**

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by decision of the Board as follows:

21 1. Petitioner's Complaint against Respondents, PETER J HELLMAN,  
22 DEPOSITION SERVICES LLC, and EVOLVE REPORTING is dismissed and no discipline  
23 is imposed against said Respondents.

24 2. Respondent, NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC, a Nevada corporation that  
25 operated NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F (expired), is in default of the facts  
26 and violations alleged in the complaint, and assessed a fine, jointly and severally, of Five  
27 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for each violation referenced above, a total amount of Ten  
28

1 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) and this fine is due as of the effective date of this Order;

2 3. The license of Respondent, NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC, a Nevada  
3 corporation that operated NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F (expired)  
4 License #086F is revoked effective immediately for a duration of not less than five years;

5 4. Respondent NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC, a Nevada corporation that  
6 operated NEVADA COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F (expired) License #086F shall  
7 reimburse the Board for its costs and fees associated with this proceeding in an amount  
8 not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). An exact tally of the Board's costs will be  
9 sent to Respondent by mail within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order. These  
10 costs must be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Failure to timely  
11 pay the total fine and costs shall be construed as an event of default by said Respondent;

12 5. The Board may institute collection and recovery actions against Respondent  
13 NEVADA COURT REPORTING LLC, a Nevada corporation that operated NEVADA  
14 COURT REPORTING, FIRM #086F (expired) License #086F if it fails to pay the costs  
15 and/or fines assessed above within the time given for payment.

16 This Order shall become effective immediately.

17 DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

18 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
19 CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS

20 By: 

21 CHAIR, DAN R. WAITE, ESQ.  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28