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A certain amount of confusion and/or conflict seems to exist in the legal community regarding recent changes to Rule 30 as it relates to court reporters' conduct and responsibilities regarding the reading and signing of depositions. Below are the pertinent sections of Rule 30 and a "Comment" as posted on the State of Hawaii Judiciary website at <http://www.state.hi.us/jud/ctrules/hfcr.htm>.

**"Rule 30(e) Review by witness; changes; signing.** If requested by the deponent or a party before completion of the deposition, the deponent shall have 30 days after being notified by the officer that the transcript or recording is available in which to review the transcript or recording and, if there are changes in form or substance, to sign a statement reciting such changes and the reasons given by the deponent for making them. The officer shall indicate in the certificate prescribed by subdivision (f)(1) whether any review was requested and, if so, shall append any changes made by the deponent during the period allowed."

**"Rule 30(b)(8)** The notice shall inform the deponent, in plain language, of the requirements of subdivision (e) of this rule."

***"COMMENT:*** *Because the newly revised Rule 30(e) of the Hawai'i Family Court Rules shifts the burden on the deponent to request a review of the transcript or recording as well as the burden to prepare a signed statement of changes within 20 days, Rule 30(b)(8), a new section, was drafted to require notice of these provisions in the written Notice of Examination."*