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The trial court *In re Marriage of Main* certified the question "When a self-represented litigant has been granted a waiver of fees under 735 ILCS 5/5-105(a)(1), is such litigant entitled to a waiver of court transcript fees under 735 ILCS 5/5-105.5 and Supreme Court Rule 298?" The appellate court held that the cost of transcripts that are necessary for an appeal is included

in the fees, costs and charges that may be waived for litigants that qualify for a waiver of fees, regardless of whether that litigant is representing himself/herself or being represented by an attorney. The appellate court also held that the fees and costs that are waived are only those that are related to a process or procedure that is deemed necessary by the court. In the case of an appeal, transcripts necessary to review the issue that the litigant wants to raise are considered necessary.

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