



# 2018 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

## February 10-17

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***Court reporters and captioners available for interviews, steno machine and realtime demonstrations***

### **2018 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week to Raise Awareness About Career Opportunities**

**RESTON, Va., Jan. 8, 2018** — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has designated Feb. 10-17 as the 2018 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week. The week-long event will highlight the many aspects of court reporting and captioning that make it a viable profession, including good salaries, flexibility, interesting venues, and the increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available in the field.

Court reporters, captioners, state court reporter associations, and court reporting schools around the country will participate in the week-long event by hosting an array of activities, including visits to high schools to showcase the profession, Veterans History Project interviews, media outreach, and more. Professionals in the field will use these opportunities to demonstrate how the stenographic machine works to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in realtime. NCRA members will also share their stories with the public about how they became involved in the profession, the interesting events they have reported on, and why their career choice has proven to be one of the best decisions they've made.

"Reflecting on more than 32 years in the stenographic reporting profession brings a profound sense of pride. Providing instant access to the spoken word and being involved in a multitude of cases involving topics from business to medical to intellectual property, products liability, and personal injury have been educational and rewarding," said NCRA President Christine J. Willette, RDR, CRR, CRC, an active reporter and owner of Willette Court Reporting in Wausau, Wis.

"I'm grateful for the opportunities I have been given both professionally and personally. The flexibility and income potential are what drew me to the profession, and I have not been disappointed. The opportunities are endless in the stenographic reporting profession. Anyone entering the profession has the chance to mold their future by choosing from multiple paths available to those who possess the stenographic machine-writing skill," she added.

To help celebrate the week, NCRA has made available a vast collection of resources including informational and marketing materials available on its [DiscoverSteno.org](http://DiscoverSteno.org) site, launched to help promote the profession to high school students, career changers, college redirects, and veterans.



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NCRA will also support an official legislative recognition of National Court Reporting & Captioning Week and rely on its social media outlets including Facebook, Twitter, and blogs to reach thousands of people throughout the week to raise public awareness about pursuing a career in the field, and the important role court reporters and captioners play in capturing the official record, preserving history, and providing vital services to the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities.

“Court Reporting & Captioning Week gives our profession an opportunity to showcase and share the skills possessed by stenographic reporters working in the judicial and captioning fields. Coming together as a profession to celebrate has become an annual event across the country that is not to be missed,” Willette said.

Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that does not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at [DiscoverSteno.org](http://DiscoverSteno.org).

### About NCRA

*The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) has been internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its 16,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator, and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership. Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to grow by 14 percent through the year 2020. For more information, visit [NCRA.org](http://NCRA.org).*