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2027 Court Reporting & Captioning Week is Feb. 6-13

This year's theme: Every Word Matters

RESTON, Va. – Feb. 1, 2027 - The nationwide 2027 Court Reporting & Captioning Week, sponsored by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), will be celebrated by court reporters, captioners, legal videographers, and others involved in the legal community, Feb. 6-13, marking the 15th year of observance. This year's theme, *Every Word Matters*, will provide a platform for members to share with the public, potential students, and members of the legal field more about the important work they do and the potential adventures at home and abroad this career with benefits offers. NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

"The 2027 Court Reporting & Captioning Week theme, *Every Word Matters,* reminds us that whether capturing and preserving the official record or providing captioning to those who need access to the spoken word, what we do matters in ways most don't realize," said NCRA President Cathy Penniston, MA, RPR, CRI, a court reporting instructor and broadcast captioner from Waukee, Iowa.

"I encourage everyone to celebrate our skills this week and throughout the year and bring awareness to the important role we play every day in the lives of others," she added.

NCRA members, state affiliates, court reporting schools, students, vendors, and others affiliated with the legal world will use the week to highlight why stenographic court reporting and captioning is the gold standard for making the most accurate record when it comes to capturing the spoken word. Members of NCRA are available nationwide to talk with media outlets and share why they love their jobs and more about this career choice that does not require a four-year degree or the hefty tuition costs typically associated with it.

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Learn more about:

- How to explore a career in stenographic court reporting and captioning that can take as little as two years of skills training.
- NCRA's A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program, a free six-week online or asynchronous program that provides the perfect opportunity for potential students to learn the alphabet in steno, write on a real machine, and decide if pursuing an education in court reporting or captioning is the right choice.
- Why stenography is such a special skill, the machine and technology today's court reporters and captioners rely on to do their jobs, earning potential, job flexibility, and the many venues court reporters and captioners can find themselves working in.
- Why there is an increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available nationwide and abroad
- Why artificial intelligence and digital recording modes cannot and will not replace the human court reporter when it comes to capturing the most accurate record both in and out of the courtroom.
- NCRA's and the National Court Reporters Foundation's continued commitment to offer more than &65,000 in scholarships and grants to students and new professionals annually to provide financial assistance.

Court reporters and captioners rely on the latest in technology to use stenographic machines to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in real time. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, providing live captioning of events, and assisting members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities with gaining access to information, entertainment, educational opportunities, and more. Connect with court reporters and captioners in your area by contacting *pr@ncra.org*. NCRA members are always eager to share with the public more about this exciting career.

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 125 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 10,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator, and videographer certification programs. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to be one of the fastest areas of projected employment growth across all occupations.