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Local Court Reporter moves into role of NCRA Immediate Past President
Debra A. Dibble from Salt Lake City, Utah to serve as national immediate past president

RESTON, Va., July 22, 2022 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Debra A. Dibble, RDR, CRR, CRC, from Salt Lake City, Utah, will serve as the Association's 2022-2023 Immediate Past President. The announcement was made at the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo that took place July 21-July 24, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, in Orlando, Fla.

Dibble is 32-year freelance reporter and captioner who holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), and Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC), and has qualified in the National Speed Competition and National Realtime Competition multiple times. Dibble also holds individual certifications in many states and is highly experienced in complex litigation (patent, MD, O&G, medical, criminal, civil) in depositions, arbitrations, trials, providing realtime/rough/immediate finals as well as providing CART/Broadcast captioning services.

At the national level, Dibble has served as an NCRA Chief Examiner. She served as a delegate to the National Committee of State Associations (NCSA) from 2008 to 2012. She also has served a three-year term as a director, a three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, President-Elect, and has just completed serving as President on the NCRA Board of Directors.

In 2010, the Utah Court Reporters Association (UCRA) honored her with its Distinguished Service Award. Dibble has also served in numerous volunteer positions at the state level including as a director and president of UCRA.



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During her tenure as President of NCRA, Dibble was deeply involved in the development and implementation of the Association's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. She also served as head developer and led the team in designing and building the Career Launcher program, an NCRF mentorship program for students and new professionals.

Dibble has represented NCRA at numerous industry-related events including the National Association for Court Management (NACM) midyear convention and the Court Technology Conference (CTC).

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.

If you're looking for a career that is on the cutting edge of technology, offers the opportunity for work at home or abroad, like to write, enjoy helping others, and are fast with your fingers, then the fields of court reporting and captioning are careers you can explore at [NCRA/discoversteno.org](https://www.ncra.org/discoversteno.org).

[NCRA's A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand](#) program, a free online six-to-eight-week introductory course lets participants see if a career in court reporting or captioning, would be a good choice for them. The program is an introductory course in stenographic theory and provides participants with the opportunity to learn the basics of writing on a steno machine. There is no charge to take the course, but participants are required to have access to a steno machine or an iPad they can use to download an [iStenoPad app](#).

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter, captioner, legal videographer, or a current court reporting student, or to learn more about the lucrative and flexible court reporting or captioning professions and the many job opportunities currently available, contact pr@ncra.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 more than 13,000 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. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting



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field is expected to be one of the fastest areas of projected employment growth across all occupations. According to 247/WallSt.com, the court reporting profession ranks sixth out of 25 careers with the lowest unemployment rate, just 0.7 percent. Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at [NCRA DiscoverSteno.org](http://NCRA.DiscoverSteno.org).