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Local Court Reporter to serve as National Director
Phyllis Craver-Lykken elected to serve on NCRA Board of Directors

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 Phyllis Craver-Lykken, a freelance court reporter from Yakima, Wash., was elected to serve a three-year term on NCRA's Board of Directors. 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.

Craver-Lykken is a freelance court reporter and agency owner. She began her court reporting career in 1980. She holds the nationally recognized professional certification of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and is also a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR).

At the national level, Craver-Lykken has served as a member and chair of NCRA's STRONG Committee. She also has served on the Association's Constitution and Bylaws and New Professionals committees, and on the National Congress of State Associations Governing Board. Additionally, she served as an NCRA Regional Representative and has presented at NCRA's Annual Conference & Expo, Stenopalooza event, and in a number of NCRA webinars.

At the state level, Craver-Lykken has held most every position with the Washington Court Reporters Association (WCRA), including serving as president on three separate occasions individually and once as a co-president. She has been active legislatively within Washington relating to court reporting and notary bills, serving as chair and co-chair of WCRA's Legislative Committee for many years. She once individually appeared before the Washington Supreme Court to brief a proposed rule amendment. She served as a co-author of Guidance on Video and Electronic Depositions for the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) during the COVID-19



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crisis and played an instrumental role with WSBA and the Supreme Court enacting an emergency order to allow for remote oath administration.

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).

[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 field is expected to be one of the fastest areas of projected employment growth across all occupations. According to [247/WallSt.com](https://www.bls.gov/charts/2014/2014-07-24-2014-07-24-wall-street-journal), 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](https://www.ncra.org/discoversteno).