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Local court reporter awarded second Monyeen Black Memorial Grant *Rose Detloff to receive \$1,000*

RESTON, Va., July 23, 2022— The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), has announced that Rose Detloff, RMR, a freelance court reporter from Tucson, Ariz., has been named recipient of the second annual Monyeen Black Memorial Grant. NCRA is the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

The \$1,000 grant honors the memory of NCRA member Monyeen Black, RPR, CRR, a deposition reporter from Paso Robles, Calif., who passed away in January 2021. Black held the nationally recognized professional certification of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR). She was also certified in California and owned MBreporting, located in San Ramon. The grant was established to aid new professionals who have passed either their RPR or RSR certification.

Applications for the grant require that candidates be a current member of NCRA, have passed either the RPR or RSR certification, be in their first one to two years of court reporting or captioning, provide a letter of recommendation, and answer a short essay question.

Detloff, who holds the nationally recognized professional certification of Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), has been employed by Buell Realtime Reporting based in Seattle, Wash., since December 2021. In answer to the 2022 essay question, “How, when, and why did you realize that a career in court reporting was right for you?” Detloff wrote:

“Growing up, I was told that a career should be something you are good at, passionate about, and with high earning potential. For most of my life, I did not think there was an accessible career out there that hit all three of those marks. Court reporting changed everything. I switched my major seven times in college, and as I began my final semester without a clue about the future, court reporting could not have come at a better time.



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“I learned a long time ago to trust my gut feelings, and signing up for a free introduction class to steno was a strong one. Some basic research about the career was enough to make me feel like I had struck gold. Interested in the legal field? Check. An English and grammar lover? Check. A musical background? Check. For the first time, I had stumbled across a career that seemed suited for me rather than me trying to become suited for it.”

According to Lisa Buell, RPR, CRR, CRC, owner of Buell Realtime Reporting, Detloff has been a textbook example of the perfect way for a newly certified court reporter to begin their career.

“While accurate transcripts are the backbone of our profession, Rose excels in all aspects of working as a deposition reporter. She has demonstrated clear knowledge of all local deposition and transcript review rules, communicates effectively with our office regarding the schedule and order information, and she has every transcript turned in on time,” said Buell.

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 and offers the opportunity for work at home or abroad, and if you 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.org/discoversteno](https://www.ncra.org/discoversteno)

[NCRA’s A to Z[®] Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand](https://www.ncra.org/discoversteno) 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 the [iStenoPad app](https://www.ncra.org/discoversteno).

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter, captioner, or 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.



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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, 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.