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Local court reporter from Seattle inducted into national academy Elizabeth "Liz" Harvey named 2022 Fellow of the Academy of Professional Court Reporters

RESTON, Va., July 23, 2022 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Elizabeth "Liz" Harvey, RPR, a freelance court reporter from Seattle, Wash., has been named a 2022 Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR). Germosen was recognized during an Awards Luncheon held at the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo taking place July 21-24 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, in Orlando, Fla.

Elizabeth "Liz" Harvey, RPR, began her career as a freelance court reporter in 1996. Active at the national level, she has attended numerous NCRA events including its Legislative and Leadership Boot Camp. She has served on the Association's STRONG Committee and the Committee on Professional Ethics and has also served in a number of roles with the National Congress of State Associations (NCSA), including as Chair. Harvey has presented numerous times at the national level and before a number of state associations. She has been a contributor to the *JCR* on numerous occasions. At the state level, Harvey has served as regional director, vice president, president, and co-chair of the Washington State Court Reporters Association.

"I sincerely appreciate being named as a Fellow because it means I was nominated and chosen by my peers. It's something I will always cherish. Of course, while it's wonderful to be recognized individually, it wouldn't be possible without all the hard work of so many volunteers and staff who contribute to making NCRA stronger together. Thank you all," Harvey said.

"I can't think of another profession that offers so much flexibility. Whether it's captioning, judicial, or freelance reporting, whether we're remote or in person, staying close to home or traveling the world, there's an option for everyone," she added. "The most amazing thing, though, is how we always keep on top of new technology, incorporate it as our own, and always meet the



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challenge to maintain stenographic writing as the clear gold standard of making the record and preserving history."

Membership in the Academy symbolizes excellence among NCRA members. The designation of FAPR represents an individual's dedication to the court reporting and captioning professions and expresses the highest level of professional ethics. Candidates for Fellowship are required to have been in the active practice of reporting/captioning for at least 15 years and to have attained distinction as measured by performance (which includes publication of important papers, creative contributions, service on committees or boards, teaching, etc.).

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.

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



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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 <u>247/WallSt.com</u>, 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 <u>NCRA DiscoverSteno.org</u>.