Local court reporter honored with 2022 Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism

Sue Terry, Springfield, Ohio, recognized at national conference

RESTON, Va., July 23, 2022 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), presented the 2022 Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism to Sue Terry, FAPR, RPR, CRR, CRC, a freelance court reporter and captioner from Springfield, Ohio. NCRA is the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers. The announcement was made at a special awards luncheon held at NCRA’s Conference & Expo held July 21-July 24 in Orlando, Fla.

The Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award was previously named the Santo J. Aurelio Altruism Award but was renamed in 2021 when the eight Bouley family children chose to donate to the NCRF in recognition of their father who was an exemplary role model as a court reporter, instructor, and philanthropist. The award is given to a court reporter with more than 25 years of experience who has given back to the profession and to the court reporting community with no expectation of any reward.

Terry, who holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), and Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC), is also a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR). She also holds the Certified LiveNote certification.

Terry began her court reporting career in 1975 after graduating from the Stenotype Institute of Springfield. During her career, she has worked as a high-volume freelance reporter covering all phases of the profession including deposition, arbitrations, court, conventions, administrative hearings, public utility hearings, large environmental litigation, patent litigation, tobacco litigation, and medical and highly technical testimony for individual agencies nationwide. She has also
worked as a broadcast captioner and as a Communications Access Realtime Translation (CART) provider.

Terry has also served as a trainer for various court reporting software and is an expert in realtime networking and troubleshooting, as well as providing wireless realtime transmission including streaming realtime.

Active at the national level, Terry is a past president of NCRA and has served as director and in all major leadership positions. She has served as board liaison to a number of NCRA committees as well as a member and chair to many. Among the committees she has chaired were the NCRA STRONG, Nominating, and DiscoverSteno committees. She has also served on the Finance, Communication & Outreach, and Technology Evaluation committees. She also served on the TRAIN Task Force and has attended numerous NCRA sponsored events throughout her time as a member. She has also been a contributor to the *JCR*.

At the state level, Terry is a past president of the Ohio Court Reporters Association (OCRA). She has served on and chaired numerous OCRA committees, as well as presented to the membership at various events, led training sessions, written for the state membership publication, *The Buckeye Record*, served as a student mentor, and been an overall sounding board for members. She also served as president of the StenoCAT Users Group and has received both that group’s and the OCRA Distinguished Service Award.

She has also served on committees for Gigatron Software Corporation, LiveNote for the Thompson West Corporation, and the Clark State College of Court Reporting. Her extensive experience as a presenter includes speaking before court reporters and captioners at the state and local association level, as well as the Ohio Supreme Court.

For information about The Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism, contact NCRF Manager Jill Parker Landsman at jalandsman@ncra.org.

The court reporting and captioning professions offer viable career choices that do not require a four-year college degree and yet offer good salaries, flexible schedules, and interesting venues. There is currently an increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available nationwide and abroad. 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.
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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 12,000 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.