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Sue A. Terry honored with NCRA 2022 Distinguished Service Award A court reporter and captioner from Springfield, Ohio, becomes 61st to earn the national award

RESTON, Va., July 23, 2022 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, today bestowed its highest honor, the 2022 Distinguished Service Award (DSA), on Sue A. Terry, a court reporter, captioner, and CART provider from Springfield, Ohio. Terry was was honored at a special awards ceremony held at the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo that took place July 21-July 24, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, in Orlando, Fla.

The NCRA DSA recognizes the distinguished work and service by an individual member for the benefit of the court reporting profession, including service to NCRA as a member, a committee member, a director, or an officer of the Association. Other displays of distinguished work include contributing to the *JCR*, the official membership magazine, service to a state or local court reporting association, or service in the field of public relations or public affairs. Award winners are nominated by their peers and are recognized each year at the NCRA Conference & Expo.

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, convention, 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.



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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 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.

"One thing that I have noticed about Sue is that she is always ready to selflessly help in just about any circumstance that arises," said NCRA member Rich Germosen, RDR, CRR, a freelance court reporter and agency owner from North Brunswick, N.J., in his letter nominating Terry for the DSA.

"She is such a great advocate for our profession," he added.

"There is no better person than Sue Terry to receive the NCRA Distinguished Service Award, as she is someone who has not only seen our profession morph into the powerhouse it is today, but she also helped make those changes over many decades," added Donna J Karoscik, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, a freelance court reporter, captioner, and agency owner from Pickerington, Ohio.

"We Ohioans are proud to call her one of us, and we stenographers are as well," she added.

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



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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 MCRA/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 for more than 100 years among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text. 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.