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NCRF Presents New Professional Reporter Grant to local court reporter
Claire Stein named recipient

RESTON, Va., July 25, 2022 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), presented the 2022 New Professional Reporter Grant to Clair Stein, from Madison, Wis., an official court reporter for Judge Jacob Frost, Dane County Circuit Court, Branch 9. 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.

NCRF awards the annual New Professional Reporter Grant to a reporter who is in his or her first year of work, has graduated within a year from an NCRA-approved court reporting program, and meets specific criteria, including a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a letter of recommendation, an answer to an essay question, and is actively working in any of the career paths of judicial (official/freelance), CART, or captioning. The grant is in the amount of \$2,000.

“I am honored to be selected as the second-place winner for this year’s NCRF New Professional Reporter Grant,” said Stein, who graduated from Madison College in Madison, Wis., in May of 2021 with a 3.94 grade point average.

“Representing the next generation of court reporters makes me extremely proud, and I am committed to sustaining the integrity of our field throughout my career,” she added.

In his letter of recommendation for the grant, Judge Frost noted that Stein is a top-notch reporter and said that he hit the jackpot when she applied for her current position that opened with the retirement of a veteran court reporter.



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“Ms. Stein checks all the boxes I expect from a quality court reporter. She is courteous to witnesses and lawyers, even when instructing a speaker to talk lower, slow down, move the mic closer, etc.,” he said. “Further, the speed with which she produces transcripts has literally shocked and amazed me. After asking for a rough transcript and getting it back with hours, more than once have I exclaimed, ‘wow, that was fast.’”

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.

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter or captioner, 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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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](http://NCRA/DiscoverSteno.org).