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NCRF Presents New Professional Reporter Grant to local court reporter
Bethany Morse 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 Bethany Morse, from Englewood, Colo., a court reporter with Veritext Legal Solutions in Denver, Colo. 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 so incredibly grateful and humbled to be the first-prize recipient of this year's grant for new professional reporters! The gap between graduating school and becoming a new working reporter is intimidating and costly, but I've always seen it as an investment in a life-long, beautiful career,” said Morse, who graduated in March 2022 with a 4.0 grade point average from the Mark Kislingbury Academy of Court Reporting in Houston, Texas.

“Still, the knowledge that I was purchasing new equipment and supplies on credit after graduating from school contributed to the stress every new reporter faces: learning new software, adjusting to a new writer, starting a new job, all while knowing that your first paychecks will be going towards paying off debts required to start your new career. Because of this grant (and the mentor who encouraged me to apply for it), I have significantly less financial stress. I cannot thank NCRF enough for organizing this grant and supporting students and new professionals,” she added.



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In her letter of recommendation, Judy M. Stevens, RPR, CMRS, CPE, Veritext's principal for the firm's Denver Division, said that Morse's work has been truly excellent and that she shows great attention and detail in her transcripts, as well as being very mindful of turnaround deadlines.

"Over the last month, she's covered many assignments and has, quite honestly, encountered some unusual situations in the reporting world and has handled them with grace and ease," Stevens said. "She asks appropriate questions and learns quickly," she added.

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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As a charitable organization, the Foundation relies almost solely on tax-deductible donations, the majority of which come from NCRA members and associated businesses. To donate, or for information on NCRF's programs, visit NCRA/Foundation.org, or call 800/272-6272, ext. 126.

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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



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