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### **Lisa Jo Hubacher, an educator from Evansville, Wis., earns NCRA 2022 CASE Award of Excellence**

**RESTON, Va., July 23, 2022** — NCRA, the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, announced today that Lisa Jo Hubacher, RPR, CRI, from Evansville, Wis., a retired court reporting instructor, was named 2022 Educator of the Year. The announcement was made at NCRA’s 2022 Conference & Expo held July 21-24 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, in Orlando, Fla.

NCRA’s CASE (Council on Approved Student Education) Award of Excellence recognizes the important role student education plays in the court reporting profession and honors educators for their dedication and outstanding achievement and leadership. Recipients are nominated by an NCRA member.

Hubacher, who holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Certified Reporter Instructor (CRI), earned an associate degree in legal assistance (paralegal) in 1983 and worked in law firms until 1994 when, rather abruptly, she returned to school for court reporting. After a long, arduous tenure in school, she hung out her shingle as a freelance court reporter in September 1997. She came to teach at Madison Area Technical College (MATC), her alma mater, in September 2002, donned the title of program director around 2008, and retired in May 2022 after 20 years of teaching.

“It has been my great fortune in life to have two careers I absolutely loved — freelance court reporter and court reporting instructor,” Hubacher said. “I could have done none of it without my reporting instructor, Rachel Baker, at MATC, NCRA, and my teaching partners Lee Leigh, Pamela Perry, and Sheila Finnegan Martinez. I owe them and many others a tremendous debt of gratitude. Mostly, though, I will be forever grateful to my students for enriching my life and giving meaning



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to my work. It has been truly an honor to serve them. Thank you very much for this award. It is much appreciated,” 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](mailto:pr@ncra.org).

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