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**Local court reporter honored with  
2023 Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism  
*Nancy Hopp, St. Louis, Mo., recognized at national conference***

RESTON, Va., July 31, 2023 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), presented the 2023 Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism to Nancy J. Hopp FAPR, RDR, CRR, CMRS, a retired court reporter from St. Louis, Mo. NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

The announcement was made at a special awards luncheon at the 2023 NCRA's Conference & Expo held July 27-July 30 in Houston, Texas. The [Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism](#) was previously named the Santo J. Aurelio Altruism Award but was renamed in 2021 when the eight Bouley family children chose to donate to 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.

Hopp, who holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomat Reporter (RMR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR) and Certified Manager of Reporting Services (CMRS), is also a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR). She is the second recipient of the Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism.



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Hopp is the second recipient of the Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism.

Hopp has more than 40 years of experience in the legal services industry including as a court reporter, firm owner, and in various positions at litigation software companies. She began her court reporting career in 1978 with Sonntag Reporting Services in Geneva, Ill. In 2003 she began working at AccessData Group in Lindon, Utah, where she served as a professional development manager, court reporting liaison, and partnership manager before taking her position in 2012 as Chief Operating Officer and later President of Midwest Litigation Services based in St. Louis. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Ill., and an associate degree in court reporting from MacCormac College in Chicago, Ill.

At the national level, Hopp has been a member of NCRA since 1976 and has held numerous volunteer positions including as an NCRF Chair and a Trustee, where she participated in a number of Veteran History Projects for the Library of Congress, and as a contributing editor for the *Journal of Court Reporting (JCR)* membership magazine. She has served on NCRA's Realtime Systems Administrator Certificate Subcommittee, and on the Technology Assessment, Item Writing, and Nominating Committees. Hopp also served on the Member Value Proposition Task Force, the Firm Owners Community of Interest, and the Student/Mentor and Committee/Conference Task Forces. In 2007 she served as Midyear Conference Chair, and in 2005 and 2007 on the President's Planning Meeting.

At the local level, Hopp is the 2000 recipient of the Illinois Court Reporters Association (ICRA) Distinguished Service Award (DSA). She has also chaired a number of the state association's committees including the DSA, Legislative, Convention, By-Laws, Student Scholarship, and the Student Mentor Program.



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Hopp has presented at both national and state level court reporter events and has covered a number of high-profile cases and events including NASA Space Shuttle Challenger accident investigation, the meeting between Pope John Paul II and former President Bill Clinton, and a number of national professional conferences held by organizations from around the country.

Other professional endeavors include service on the St. Louis Community College Meramec Court Reporting and the South Technical High School Court Reporting advisory boards. Her volunteerism has also included work with the Association of Litigation Support Professionals, Women in eDiscovery, Chicago Chapter, State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Certified Shorthand Reporters Board, and Career Colleges of Chicago Court Reporting Advisory Board.

For information about The Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism, contact NCRF Manager Jill Parker Landsman at [jlandsman@ncra.org](mailto:jlandsman@ncra.org).

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.

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 [NCRA/discoversteno.org](http://NCRA/discoversteno.org).

[The NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand](#) program, a free online six-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 introduction to 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 the [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](mailto:pr@ncra.org).

### [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*



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*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. [NCRA's STRONG Committee](#) promotes stenographic captioning and court reporting as the best means to maintain the accuracy of the record. One of its missions is to combat false proclamations that digital and automatic speech recognition (ASR) methods of capturing the spoken word are equal to superior to stenographic means and/or that these methods are less expensive.*

*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](#).*

### [About NCRF](#)

*The National Court Reporters Foundation is the philanthropic arm of NCRA. As a charitable organization, the NCRF 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](#).*