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Local Court Reporter to serve as National President Kristin M. Anderson from Denton, Texas named President

RESTON, Va., July 31, 2023 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Kristin M. Anderson, an official court reporter from Denton, Texas, will serve as its 2023-2024 President. The announcement was made at the 2023 NCRA Conference & Expo that took place July 27-July 30 at the Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown in Houston, Texas.

Anderson is the official court reporter for the 481st Judicial District Court, Denton County, Texas. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and Human Relations in 2012 and with her Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership in 2022. Anderson is a Certified Shorthand Reporter in Illinois, Missouri, and Texas and holds the nationally recognized professional certification of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR).

From 2013-2017, Anderson worked for the U.S. District Court in San Antonio, Texas. During her tenure in that position, she obtained her Federal Certified Realtime Reporter (FCRR) designation with the U.S. Court Reporters Association (USCRA).

Anderson has been a stenographer for 23 years. Previously, she worked as a freelance reporter in Kansas and Missouri and as an official court reporter for the states of Illinois and Kansas as well as for Bexar County, in San Antonio.



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She is a past chair and vice chair of the National Congress of State Associations (NCSA) and served on that committee in various capacities from 2006-2014. She has also served on several other committees and task forces during her 17 years of volunteer service for the profession at both the national and state level, including two terms as president of the Kansas Court Reporters Association.

During her NCRA board service, Anderson has chaired the Board Policy & Procedures Committee as the Association's Vice President and the Finance and Audit committees during her two years as the Secretary-Treasurer. Prior to becoming President, Anderson served as NCRA's President-elect.

From 2015-2016, she also served on the convention and ethics committees for the Texas Court Reporters Association (TCRA). In addition to TCRA and USCRA, Anderson also holds membership in the Bexar County Court Reporters Association and the Texas Deposition Reporters Association.

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 <u>NCRA/discoversteno.org</u>.

The NCRA A to Z^{\otimes} 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 <u>iStenoPad app</u>.

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 <u>pr@ncra.org</u>.

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.