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### **Local court reporter elected to NCRA Board of Directors** ***Margary Rogers from Washington, D.C. to serve three-year term***

**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 Margary Rogers, RPR, CRI, an official court reporter from Washington, D.C., has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Association’s Board of Directors. 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.

Rogers has been a court reporter for 22 years and is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in court reporting and an Associate of Science degree as a legal assistant with a concentration in psychology. She is also a graduate of the Management Training Program at the Washington, D.C., Superior Court. Rogers holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Certified Reporting Instructor (CRI).

At the national level, Rogers serves as Chair of NCRA’s Membership Committee, is active in the Association’s student mentoring program, and is a contributor to the *Journal of Court Reporting (JCR)*, the official publication of NCRA. She is a past member of the Association’s Peers Helping Peers Committee and is credited with creating the Facebook group “Stenographers Leveling up with Certification,” to encourage and promote court reporters nationwide to obtain court reporting certifications. She has presented numerous times at the national and state levels. She is also a student sponsor, a National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) donor, and a member of the NCRF Angels Gatherer Committee.

Rogers has served in numerous leadership positions for the Maryland Court Reporters Association, including as a director, secretary, president-elect, and president of MCRA. She has also taught



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court reporting at Anne Arundel Community College in Hanover, Md., Howard University Continuing Education Department in Silver Spring, Md., and in Northern Virginia.

In addition to showcasing the stenographic court reporting and captioning profession at local career fairs, she has hosted and organized numerous other events including a “High Tea for High Achievers” for court reporting students attending the 2019 NCRA Conference held in Denver, Colo.

Rogers has organized a number of virtual transcribe-a-thons in conjunction with the [Smithsonian Transcription Center](#) and staff from the [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#) in Washington, D.C., to help with the museum’s ongoing effort to transcribe more than 1.5 million original documents from the post–Civil War era that are housed in the [Freedmen’s Bureau Records](#). The documents include letters from enslaved people from centuries ago.

She is also credited with organizing volunteers to write Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech in steno in honor of Black History Month in 2022, spearheading the launch of a month-long membership campaign as chair of NCRA’s Membership Committee, and starting the “Steno Fitness Challenge,” which challenges members to exercise at least 15 minutes per day to get fit before NCRA’s annual Conference & Expo.

As creator of the POP (Promoting Our Profession) movement/initiatives, Rogers focuses on partnering and collaborating with organizations, communities, and schools to serve them by giving back while promoting and marketing the skill and career of stenography.

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](#).



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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 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](http://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).*