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Local court reporter to serve national foundation
Karen Tyler from Shreveport, La., to serve
National Court Reporters Foundation Trustee

RESTON, Va., Sept. 6, 2023 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), announced that Karen Tyler, RDR, CRR, CRC, a freelance court reporter from Shreveport, La., has been selected to serve a one-year term on its Board of Trustees. NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

Tyler joined NCRA in 1978 as a court reporting student and has been working as a court reporter since 1979. She started her career as an official state court reporter in Shreveport, followed by working as a federal official court reporter in the mid-1990s. She has been the owner of a boutique court reporting practice for more than 25 years.

Tyler, who is certified to work in Louisiana and Texas, holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), and Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC).

At the national level, she has competed in the NCRA Speed and Realtime contests each year since 2013. She has also served on numerous NCRA committees including as chair of the Student Committee. She has also served on NCRA's Skills Test Writing, Nominating, and Education committees. She was recently appointed to serve on the Proofreading Advisory Council.



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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.

[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.

[About NCRF](#)

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.

[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.

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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