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### **Local court reporter from St. Albert, Alberta, Canada, inducted into national academy** ***Janice E. Plomp named 2025 Fellow of the Academy of Professional Court Reporters***

**RESTON, Va., July 26, 2025** — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Janice E. Plomp, RDR, CRR, CRC, CRI, from St. Albert, Alberta, Canada, a court reporting instructor and CART (Communications Access Realtime Translation) captioner, has been named a 2025 Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR). Plomp was recognized during an Awards Luncheon held at the [2025 NCRA Conference & Expo](#) held July 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minn.

[Membership in the Academy](#) symbolizes excellence among NCRA members. The designation of FAPR represents an individual's dedication to the court reporting and captioning professions and expresses the highest level of professional ethics. Candidates for Fellowship are required to have been in the active practice of reporting/captioning for at least 15 years and to have attained distinction as measured by performance (which includes publication of important papers, creative contributions, service on committees or boards, teaching, etc.).

Plomp holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC), and Certified Reporting Instructor (CRI). She is a 1982 graduate of the National Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton. Plomp began her career as an official court reporter working in that role from 1982 to 2010. In 1999 she embraced the evolving field of CART captioning and successfully balanced her work between the courthouse and the University of Alberta for nearly two decades.

In 2010 Plomp returned to NAIT as a full-time instructor in the captioning and court reporting program, where she has since shared her deep expertise and enthusiasm for the profession with



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countless students. Her dedication to teaching was recognized with the NAIT Instructional Excellence Award in 2015.

At the national level Plomp has held multiple leadership roles within NCRA and the Alberta Shorthand Reporters Association (ASRA). She served on the NCRA Test Advisory Committee from 2017 to 2024, was chief examiner for NCRA from 2014–2015, and contributed to the Discover Steno initiative from 2017 to 2022.

At ASRA, she's been a driving force on the organization's Speed Contest Committee since 2013 and has delivered numerous workshops on shorthand theory, speedbuilding, realtime transcription, Case CATalyst training, and CART captioning.

A skilled competitor, Plomp has qualified multiple times in the NCRA Speed and Realtime contests, including a 12th-place overall finish and a silver medal in Literary at the 2014 NCRA National Speed Competition. She also qualified for the Realtime Literary Contest that year.

Plomp is also credited with co-developing *Syllables*, an innovative educational tool designed to improve theory instruction and speedbuilding for court reporters. Her commitment to advancing the profession is reflected in both her teaching and active service roles.

Outside of work, she enjoys a rich family life in St. Albert with her husband, Terry. She is a proud grandmother to Kane, Harlee, and Lucas. She also loves traveling, golfing, playing soccer, and pickleball.

"I was truly stunned when I learned that the Alberta Shorthand Reporters Association wished to nominate me for such a prestigious designation — so much so that I offered rebuttal argument!" Plomp said. "To be recognized by colleagues who have been such an important part of my career is a special honor, and I am incredibly grateful for their support and friendship throughout the years. Being named a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters and seeing my name alongside so many of NCRA's most respected and accomplished professionals is equally humbling and exhilarating," she added.

Plomp said that becoming a FAPR feels like the pinnacle of her career and is deeply thankful to the Council of the Academy and the NCRA Board of Directors for the honor. She added that she will continue to uphold the values of the Academy as she continues to serve and advocate for the profession she loves.

"Joining NCRA was one of my best decisions. I have had the chance to attend conventions in iconic cities, serve on committees, and participate in contests. I have learned, been inspired, and grown both personally and professionally. I remain in awe of the talent, passion, and dedication of



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so many remarkable members, and I sincerely value the friendships I have made along the way,” she said.

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).

### 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 125 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](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).*