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Local court reporter to serve national foundation *Yolanda L. Walton from Norwalk, Ohio, to serve as* *National Court Reporters Foundation Trustee*

RESTON, Va., July 30, 2025 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), announced that Yolanda L. Walton, FAPR, RPR, an official court reporter from Norwalk, Ohio, has been selected to serve a three-year term on its Board of Trustees. NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers. The announcement was made at a special awards luncheon held at the [2025 NCRA Conference & Expo](#) that took place July 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Walton is a 1986 graduate of Stark Technical College in North Canton, Ohio. She began her career as a freelance court reporter with Marie Fresch & Associates located in Norwalk, Ohio, and has worked as an official court reporter for Huron County Common Pleas Court since 1988. She holds the nationally recognized professional certification of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and is a member of the Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR).

At the national level, Walton has served on numerous committees including the Midyear Planning, Official Community of Interest, Planning, Nominating, Brand Ambassador, and New Professional/Liaison Committees. She has also served as a national director and as a delegate for the National Congress of State Associations (NCSA). She is an annual contributor to NCRA's Political Action Committee fund, has been an NCRF Angel Donor since 2021, and is currently a member of the NCRF Angel Gather Committee.

At the state level, Walton holds membership in the Ohio Court Reporters Association (OCRA), where she has served in all executive roles including as President in 2007-2008. She has also



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served on numerous committees including the Fundraising, Membership, Annual Convention Planning, Nominating, Grievance, and as the Past President Advisory/Consulting Group. She implemented OCRA's Annual Silent Auction fundraiser, created the Cardinal Reporter Recognition Award honoring reporters with 25 years of service, and served as a representative of the state association to the Ohio Judicial Conference in 2015-2016. In 2017 OCRA presented her with the Glenn W. Stiles Distinguished Service Award. She was also awarded OCRA's Martin Fincun Award and the Diplomat Award in 2002 and 1998, respectively.

Walton has presented at both the national and state level and has served on the advisory boards for the Stautzenberger College, with campuses in Maumee and Brecksville, and for the Miami Jacobs Career College. Throughout her career Walton has had court reporting students sit with her in the courtroom as part of their externships and has conducted informal Q&A sessions with students at local court reporting schools.

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.

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 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.



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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. 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).

[About NCRF](#)

The National Court Reporters Foundation is the philanthropic arm of NCRA. As a charitable organization, 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.