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### **Local court reporter is the recipient of the 2025 Court to CART Grant** ***Official court reporter Erica McQuillen receives \$1,500 award***

**RESTON, Va., July 31, 2025** — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), presented the [Court to CART Grant](#) in the amount of \$1,500 to Erica McQuillen, RDR, CRR, an official court reporter from Tucson, Ariz. NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers. The announcement was made at a special awards luncheon at the 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo held July 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minn.

The Court to CART Grant is offered through NCRF in memory of the late stepfather and lifelong role model of NCRA member Rich Germosen, FAPR, RDR, CRR, Eligio Antonio Rosario, Sr. The \$1,500 annual grant is awarded to an NCRA applicant interested in broadening his or her skill set from the judicial setting to the path of providing communication access realtime translation (CART) for people with hearing loss or for nonnative English speakers.

McQuillen will receive an assessment of her realtime skills and instruction about current CART technology. Hands-on training will be provided as well as the chance to learn from applicable existing NCRA videos.

McQuillen holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR) and Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR). She has been a court reporter for 22 years, 17 of which have been spent with the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. She is also a multi-qualifier on both the NCRA national Speed and Realtime contests.

In her application essay, McQuillen wrote that she applied for the Grant so she can continue to use her stenographic reporting skills once she retires from working for the federal court. She attributes



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her interest in providing CART to her experiences with the school her children attend that serves as an immersion program for students who are deaf and hard-of-hearing.

“I have witnessed firsthand how meaningful these services are to the people relying upon them, and my career as an official realtime court reporter has likewise given me an appreciation for the high level of skilled need to provide these services,” she wrote.

“This training will allow me the opportunity to transition into the CART field where I could hit the ground running upon retirement,” she noted. “Erica wants CART training for all the right reasons,” wrote the Hon. John C. Hinderaker, who she has worked for since 2020 in his letter of recommendation. “We need a CART trained court reporter in the District of Arizona. Unfortunately, the District does not currently employ a single trained CART court reporter. Were Erica CART trained, she would fill an important and unmet need,” he added.

Sherry Gammon, a courtroom deputy assigned to McQuillen’s team, echoed Hinderaker’s comments in her letter of recommendation writing that the grant would serve to expand her abilities, allowing her to better assist members of the bench and public who have hearing limitations.

“Having a CART skilled court reporter on staff will provide the bench with the assurance that they can rely on whenever assistance in this area is needed,” wrote Gammon.

To be eligible for the Court to CART Grant, applicants must be a current member of NCRA in good standing, hold at a minimum the Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) certification and a realtime certification such as the Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC) or Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR). In addition, applicants must be currently providing realtime services in the judicial settings (freelance or official) with an untranslated rate of at least 96 percent accuracy. Applications must include a self-nomination essay and a letter of recommendation from an instructor, employer, or client.

For information about the Court to CART Grant, contact NCRF Manager Jill Parker Landsman at [jlandsman@ncra.org](mailto:jlandsman@ncra.org).

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



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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).

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*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).*

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