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Cindy L. Isaacsen, from Shawnee, Kan., is NCRA Immediate Past President *Local court reporter leaves several legacy programs to serve members*

RESTON, Va., July 20, 2026 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Cindy L. Isaacsen, an official court reporter from Shawnee, Kan., will serve as its 2026-2027 Immediate Past President. The announcement was made at the [2026 NCRA Conference & Expo](#) that took place July 16-18 in Bellevue, Wash.

Isaacsen is an official court reporter for the 10th Judicial District Court in Olathe, Kan., and holds the nationally recognized professional certification of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR).

During her presidency, Isaacsen addressed the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the courtroom and the negative impact it poses to the judicial process on numerous occasions, including announcing a [new position statement](#) that confirms the Association's stance on the use of AI or Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) technology in capturing the official record.

She also released a [video](#) statement on behalf of NCRA urging members and other legal professionals to uphold the law when it comes to making the official record. In it she stated, "If we allow unlawful transcript production to become normalized through admission, we risk creating precedent that erodes the reliability of sworn testimony itself. "We risk introducing uncertified, unverified, and potentially compromised records into the foundation of judicial decision-making." She also said that NCRA urges courts nationwide to not allow certification requirements to be stipulated away, statutes mandate licensure or treat unauthorized recording and outsourced transcription as equivalent to sworn officer oversight.



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A multi-time participant of [NCRA's Leadership & Legislative Boot Camp](#), she was part of the 70-plus group of members who lobbied on Capitol Hill earlier this year for the sponsorship of '[Research and Oversight of AI in Courts Act of 2026](#),' a bipartisan and bicameral legislation backed by the Association that would establish comprehensive oversight mechanisms for AI and ASR technologies used in judicial proceedings. The bill has been sponsored by U.S. Rep. Harriet Hageman from Wyoming, and U.S. Sens. Roger Wicker from Mississippi and Peter Welch from Vermont.

During her tenure as President, Isaacsen also established several new programs to assist members including the [Peer-to-Peer Support](#) group hosted by the National Court Reporters Foundation ([NCRF](#)). The support group serves as a resource for NCRA members who work in high-pressure, high-stress environments, by offering a caring and confidential space on Zoom where they can openly share their emotions and reactions to the challenging cases they encounter in trials and depositions.

She also launched Seconds with Cindy, a monthly video message initiative that served as a touchpoint for members to access a brief insight into what's on the President's mind.

Other initiatives Isaacsen launched during her tenure include the StenoSpeaks series, designed to bring fresh insights and conversation to the profession, and State of the Association video updates to help keep members informed with direct, transparent updates from the Board of Directors. The updates are shared with members shortly after each Board meeting, providing timely, firsthand access to the conversations shaping the profession.

Isaacsen began her career in 1988 as a freelance court reporter in Clarksville, Tenn. In 1990 she worked as a freelance court reporter in Schweinfurt, Germany. She has also worked as a freelance court reporter at Fort Polk, La., and for several firms including Welker & Associates in Clarksville, Tenn., and AAA Court Reporting Company in Overland Park, Kan. Isaacsen also worked as an official court reporter for the 36th Judicial District Court in DeRidder, La.

At the national level, Isaacsen served on NCRA's Election Committee in 2016-2017 and as a regional representative and Vice Chair for the National Committee of State Associations (NCSA). She has also served on various committees including the Finance, the Brand Ambassadors Council, and the Student/Teacher. She was elected to serve a three-year term as a member of NCRA's Board of Directors in 2018-2019. She was then elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer followed by Vice President and President-Elect.



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At the state level, Isaacsen has served on the board and twice as president of the Kansas Court Reporters Association. She has also served as a speaker for several state associations. She is a graduate of the Stenograph Institute of Texas.

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.

[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 10,000 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.

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).