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Local court reporter to serve as national vice president *Carol Naughton, from Virginia Beach, Va., to serve as NCRA President-Elect*

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 Carol Naughton, RDR, an official court reporter from Virginia Beach, Va., will serve as the Association's 2026-2027 President-Elect. The announcement was made at the [2026 NCRA Conference & Expo](#) that took place July 16-18 in Bellevue, Wash.

Naughton, who holds the nationally recognized professional certification of Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR), is an official court reporter for the U.S. District Court in Norfolk, Va. Previously, she worked as a freelance court reporter for 27 years in the markets of Los Angeles, Calif., Chicago, Ill., northeast Wisconsin, and in areas throughout Virginia and Washington, D.C. She graduated from Bryan College of Court Reporting in Los Angeles, where she qualified to take — and passed — the California Certified Shorthand Reporter exam.

At the national level, Naughton has served on the NCRA A to Z[®] and the Brand Ambassadors Committees. She has nine years of experience serving with the National Congress of State Associations (NCSA), including six years as Chair or Cochair. She assisted in the revised resolution process and drafted resolutions, most notably, the reinstatement of exam history and the ability of NCRA's membership to vote online for any dues increases.

She is also a proud supporter of the National Court Reporters Foundation and a fifth-year NCRF Angel.



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At the state level, Naughton is a past president of the Virginia Court Reporters Association and continues to serve on the association's Legislative committee.

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[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 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



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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).