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Mike Miller honored with NCRA 2026 Distinguished Service Award
*Freelance court reporter and agency owner from Houston, Texas
becomes 66th to earn the national award*

RESTON, Va., July 23, 2026 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, today bestowed its highest honor, the 2026 Distinguished Service Award (DSA), on Michael Miller, FAPR, RDR, CRR, a freelance court reporter and agency owner from Houston, Texas. Miller was honored at a special awards ceremony at the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo held July 16-18 in Bellevue, Wash.

The NCRA DSA recognizes the distinguished work and service by an individual member for the benefit of the court reporting and captioning professions, including service to NCRA as a member, a committee member, a director, or an officer of the Association. Other displays of distinguished work include contributing to the *JCR*, the official membership magazine, service to a state or local court reporting association, or service in the field of public relations or public affairs. Award winners are nominated by their peers and are recognized each year at the NCRA Conference & Expo.

Miller is a graduate of the Stenograph Institute of Texas and studied engineering management at the University of Texas in Austin. He holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), and is also a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR). In addition to Texas, Miller is also certified to work in the states of California, Louisiana, New Jersey, and Washington. He also holds a Top Secret Clearance from the U.S. Department of Defense due to his work as technical lead to manage a team of court reporters working onsite at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay in Cuba during the trials of the 9/11 plotters and other cases.



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At the national level, Miller is a past National Director and has served on or chaired a number of committees including the Nominating and Technology, as well as the Certified Legal Video Specialist Council, and the Realtime Task Force. He is also a past chair of the Realtime Systems Administrator Certificate Committee and is credited as a co-creator and lead presenter on the NCRA Realtime Administrator program. He is also credited as a co-creator of the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) Career Launcher program, an online video-based training system for newly certified court reporters.

Miller also created the Depoman.com website that ran from 1995 through 2015 which served as a premier technology help site for court reporters. He also created the ever-popular two-hour seminar Tough Love, which covered the best practices and procedures for court reporters, followed by the Tough Love Part 2 90-minute seminar that discussed the shortage of court reporters and how to help alleviate the issue by changing the mindset of the workforce.

In his 30-plus years of court reporting, Miller has reported extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia on all matter of pharmaceutical and intellectual property matters, including arbitrations.

At the state level, Miller was instrumental in helping launch the Texas Deposition Court Reporters Association. He also holds membership in the California Deposition Reporters Association and the Houston Court Reporters Association.

“I have been an active reporter for more than 56 years, and working with and watching Mike in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was awe inspiring,” said NCRA member Rick Greenspan from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., in his letter of nomination on behalf of Miller.

“With all of his expertise, he is a total team player. There are no airs put on. He uses his knowledge for benefit, no other reason. What I recited in the National level contribution section of the nomination requirements plus the letters of recommendation, are but a few ways that Mike Miller is truly worthy of this distinction,” he added.

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.



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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.

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 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.

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://NCRADiscoverSteno.org).