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Court Reporter from New York to Chair NCRF Board of Trustees
Meredith A. Bonn from Webster becomes National Foundation trustee chair

RESTON, Va., July 23, 2026 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), announced that Meredith Bonn, RPR, CRR, an official court reporter from Webster, N.Y., was named Chair of 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 at the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo held July 16-18 in Bellevue, Wash.

Bonn has been a court reporter since 1990 and was named official senior court reporter for the New York State Seventh Judicial District, Rochester, N.Y., in 2007. From 2000 to 2007, she served as an official court reporter for the same court, and prior to that, she worked as a freelance reporter from 1990 to 2000.

She holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR). Bonn has served as NCRA's Vice President and as a National Director.

She is a member of the New York Court Reporters Association and has served as Director, President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President of their Board of Directors. Bonn is actively involved in promoting the court reporting profession and has volunteered at numerous middle and high school career events.



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Bonn also presents at Careers in the Courthouse programs. She is the creator and presenter of The Power of the Positive Attitude which has been presented at numerous NCRA and State conventions. She is also coordinator of the NCRA Steno A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program in Western New York.

In April 2026 through the NCRF, Bonn launched *Leading with the Heart: The Bonn Fund*, a new unrestricted fund, which is meant to serve as a powerful call to invest in the future of court reporting and captioning.

Unlike NCRF's program-specific campaigns, *The Bonn Fund* is designed to provide flexible, unrestricted support, ensuring NCRF can direct resources where they are most needed across its full range of initiatives from student scholarships to career development. Through *Leading with the Heart: The Bonn Fund*, donors will help sustain and expand the critical [programs](#) NCRF offers.

The campaign also extends beyond the profession itself, inviting support from a broad network of stakeholders such as firms, bar associations, educational institutions, captioning providers, broadcasters, and organizations serving the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities — anyone who relies on the gold standard of accurate, realtime transcription.

“As we all consider the challenges facing our profession, from student recruitment to workforce sustainability, this is the moment to come together,” she said. “We are all in this together, and we need you to lead with your heart.”

Bonn believes strongly in the importance of creating a precise, verbatim record — work that is essential across the legal system and beyond. With this initiative, she is extending that commitment outside the courtroom: Educating new audiences about the profession, mentoring students, and ensuring ongoing support from recruitment through retirement.

As she takes the helm of NCRF, supported by NCRF Trustees, Bonn's leadership signals more than a transition; it marks a continued commitment to the people and programs that sustain the profession.

“I have spent the better part of my career volunteering and working to ensure that making a stenographic record continues to be one of the best careers on the planet,” she explained. “My passion has led to leadership opportunities, but this one so speaks to my heart. I want to ensure that NCRF continues to operate at a highly effective level doing the work that supports stenographers from recruitment to retirement.”



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Donate [online](#) or by texting the keyword **meredithbonn** (no spaces) to **41444**. This will be a 2026 tax-deductible contribution. For more information, please contact NCRF Director Jill Parker Landsman at jlandsman@ncra.org.

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. There is no charge to take the course, but participants are required to have access to a steno machine or an iPad they can use to download the [iStenoPad app](#).

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 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 and promotes stenographic captioning and court reporting as the best means to maintain the accuracy of the record.

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.

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