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### **Court reporting instructor from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, joins national academy *Wade Garner named a 2026 Fellow of the Academy of Professional Court Reporters***

**RESTON, Va., June 2, 2026** — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Wade Garner, FAPR, RPR, CPE, a retired court reporter and court director from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has been named a 2026 Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR).

[Membership in the Academy](#) symbolizes excellence among NCRA members. The designation of FAPR represents an individual’s dedication to the court reporting and captioning professions and expresses the highest level of professional ethics. Candidates for Fellowship are required to have been in the active practice of reporting/captioning for at least 15 years and to have attained distinction as measured by performance (which includes publication of important papers, creative contributions, service on committees or boards, teaching, etc.).

“It is truly an honor to be welcomed into a fellowship of such outstanding ambassadors of the court reporting profession,” Garner said. “It is not lost on me that those who have received this distinction have made remarkable lifelong contributions through their dedication, leadership, and service to the profession. Thank you for welcoming me into this distinguished fellowship.”

Garner, who began his career in 1990, is a graduate of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) and holds an associate degree in arts and sciences from the Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho. He also holds the NCRA recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Certified Program Evaluator (CPE).



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Garner retired in 2021 from his position as director of the Court of Queen’s Bench in Edmonton and Alberta. Prior to that he served as acting senior manager for Southern Alberta Medicine Hat, after serving as a court manger and court reporter for Alberta Justice.

At the national level, Garner has chaired or served as a member on NCRA’s Membership Marketing, CAPR Verification, Finance, Written Knowledge Test, Contests, CASE, Elections, and Test Advisory Committees. He has also served on a number of task forces including the Student Seminar, Business Practice Advisors, Alternative Technologies, Midyear Conference, and the TAC Subgroup Beta Testing. Garner is also a past NCRA Director and liaison to the U.S.-based National Verbatim Reporters Association.

At the provincial level, Garner is a past director for the Alberta Shorthand Reporters Association and served on its NAIT Advisory Committee and Professional Governance Act Subcommittee.

“For more than 30 years, Wade has been a steady and respected presence in the court reporting industry – reliable, forward-thinking, and generous with his time and expertise,” wrote NCRA member Janice Plomp, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, CRI, in a letter recommending Garner for the honor. “He listened carefully, offered positive insights, and never lost sight of the responsibility we shared in upholding NCRA’s professional standards,” she added.

“The Fellow designation recognizes individuals whose careers demonstrate exceptional service and enduring impact. Through decades of leadership, governance, advocacy, and educational support, Wade exemplified the ideals of an NCRA Fellow,” wrote Tori Pittman, FAPR, RDR, CRI (Ret.), in a letter of recommendation on behalf of Garner.

“As a retired member who is awarded the prestigious Fellow designation and someone who met Wade when I was still a student, it has been an honor to follow his career in leadership and to count him among my esteemed colleagues and friends,” she added.

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.



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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).

### [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 [DiscoverSteno.org](http://DiscoverSteno.org).*