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Why choose a certified court reporter, captioner, or legal videographer? *Learn more during the 2026 NCRA Celebrate Certification Month in May*

RESTON, Va., April 27, 2026 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) is hosting its 10th [Celebrate Certification Month](#) in May. NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

Throughout the month, NCRA-certified members will share with their clients, employers, and the public why certification means they are working with the best in the business. May also serves as a reminder for members to keep increasing their skills by adding more certification letters after their names. The month is also designed to encourage those who have yet to earn a national certification to make a commitment to invest in themselves and earn one.

According to NCRA, some of the top benefits of hiring NCRA-certified stenographic court reporters in the courtroom, deposition room, or boardroom include:

- Stenographic court reporters achieve advanced certifications and complete continuing education to keep current with technology and industry standards.
- Stenographic court reporters undergo specialized training in court procedures and English, as well as legal and medical terminology.
- Stenographic court reporters make a live record of the proceeding from start to finish. Their steno cannot be tampered with, unlike files created from digital audio equipment.
- Stenographic court reporters are required to abide by laws, professional ethics codes, and court rules.
- Stenographic court reporters have four backups of every proceeding for preservation of the record, which includes synchronized audio backup.
- Stenographic court reporters differentiate between on- and off-record discussions, plus they are able to request clarification when noise or simultaneous cross talk could interfere with capturing an accurate record.
- Stenographic court reporters offer instant speech-to-text translation in real time. It's the most advanced technology available.
- Stenographic court reporters can provide instant read backs, rough drafts, and same-day transcripts.



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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 or asynchronous 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.

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 legal 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.