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#### **Local Court Reporter Susan M. Horak Named to NCRA's 2019 Class of Academy of Professional Reporters Fellows**

**RESTON, Va., Aug. 17, 2019** — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, today announced that Susan M. Horak, an official court reporter from Columbus, Ohio, has been awarded fellowship in the Academy of Professional Reporters. The Academy recognizes recipients for their outstanding and extraordinary qualifications and experience. The announcement was made during a special awards luncheon held at NCRA's Convention & Expo, taking place in Denver, Colo., Aug. 15-18.

Membership in the Academy of Professional Reporters is by nomination only, so to be granted fellowship is a high point in a reporter's career. Criteria for being accepted include exhibiting outstanding and extraordinary qualifications and experience in the field of shorthand reporting, as well as having been active in the practice of reporting for at least 10 years. Candidates for fellowship are also required to have attained distinction as measured by such activities as the publication of important papers, creative contributions, committee or board service, and teaching.

Horak began her career in 1976 and worked as an official court reporter for the Franklin County Municipal Court in Columbus Ohio, from 1983 to 2017. As a member of the Ohio Court Reporters Association (OCRA), she contributed numerous articles to the membership publication, *The Buckeye Record*, and worked on key legislative issues, including modernizing the language in Ohio's Revised and Administrative Codes regarding court reporters. Horak also held several positions at OCRA, including serving as District C Representative (2006-2008), Secretary-Treasurer (2008-2010), and President (2010-2011).

She joined NCRA in 1976, serving for many years as a Chief Examiner for NCRA testing in central Ohio. Horak currently serves on NCRA's Skills Writing Test Committee and the Proofreading Advisory Council. She holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR) and Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR).

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.

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.



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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 realtime. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases, 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.

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).

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.org](http://NCRA.org). To learn more about the court reporting and captioning professions, read fun facts, see videos, and find out about educational opportunities, visit NCRA [DiscoverSteno.org](http://DiscoverSteno.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 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 15,000 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, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to grow by 14 percent through the year 2020. For more information, visit [NCRA.org](http://NCRA.org).*