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NCRF Announces 2018-2019 Trustees ***Local Retired Court Reporter Tami Keenan to Serve Two-Year Term as Chair***

RESTON, Va., Aug. 4, 2018 - The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, announced that Tami Keenan, a retired court reporter from Battle Creek, Mich., was installed as its 2018-2020 Board of Trustees Chair. The announcement was made during NCRA's 2018 Convention & Expo held Aug. 2-5 in New Orleans, La.

Keenan, who holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Certified Program Evaluator (CPE), is also a Fellow of the Professional Academy of Reporters (FAPR). She began her career as a freelance court reporter in 1988 and became an official court reporter in 1990 serving in the 37th Circuit Court of Michigan. She retired from court reporting in 2014.

Active at the national level, Keenan served as 2013/2014 NCRA President. She served on its Board of Directors from 2004 to 2007 and again from 2008 to 2010. She has also contributed numerous articles to NCRA's monthly membership publication, the *JCR*.

Keenan has also served on NCRF's Angel Committee including as chair from 2010 to 2011, and has been an Angel donor since 2006. She has also been a member of the Foundation's Legacy Society since 2012, and was Major Gifts Donor from 2004 to 2005

A long-time member of the Michigan Association of Professional Court Reporters (MAPCR), Keenan is a past president, president-elect, vice President and director. She has chaired MAPCR's Constitution & Bylaws Committee, and served as editor of the Association's membership publication, the *RecordTimes*. She is also the recipient of several awards given by MAPCR, including the Alton Cobb Award in 2002, the Donald Hansen Distinguished Service Award in 2007, and the Harry Howse Sr. Lifetime Service Award in 2016.

Other volunteer service has included as a member of the advisory boards of the court reporting programs for Lansing Community College and the Elsa Cooper Institute. She also holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

New NCRF Trustees also installed during the NCRA Convention & Expo to serve three year terms include: Mary P. Bader, RPR, Eau Claire, Wis.; Michael A. Bouley, RDR, Loveland, Colo.; and Catherine J. Phillips, FAPR, RMR, CMRS, Ocala, Fla.



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About NCRF

As a charitable organization, the Foundation relies almost solely on tax-deductible donations. The majority of NCRF's support comes from NCRA members and associated businesses. NCRF offers various giving options, including support through estate planning under the Foundation's Legacy Society. To donate to the Foundation, or for information about NCRF's programs, visit NCRA/NCRF.org, or contact April Weiner, Manager, Development Relations at aweiner@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. 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.

About NCRA

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) is 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.