



Careers in Court Reporting and Captioning

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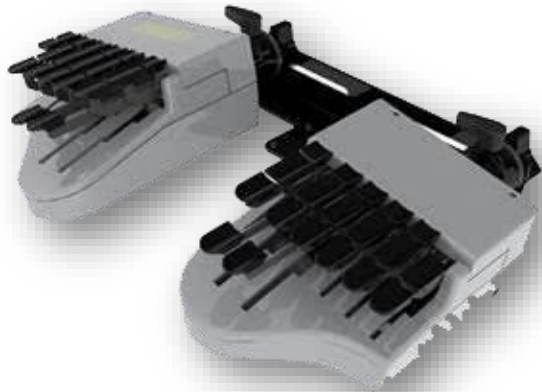


Did you know?

- The profession dates back to the **4th century B.C.E.**
- Throughout history, court reporters have served the public by making **accurate records** of critical events.
- The ampersand symbol (&) that we use today is one of the **earliest forms of shorthand.**



Today's court reporters and captioners are on the **cutting edge of technology**, driving advances in translating the spoken word to print.



“ Being tech savvy really resonates with our client base. Every single time we've given a five-minute tour of our technology to a client, they are beside themselves. It's usually the assistants who are just delighted, because it makes their job easier. ”

Robin Nodland, FAPR, RDR, CRR
LNS Court Reporting, Portland, Ore.

People who successfully train to become court reporters and captioners have **numerous career options**, including these well-known fields:

- **Freelance reporting**
- **Courtroom reporting**
- **Captioning – live and remote**



Freelancers are hired by:

- **Attorneys**
- **Corporations**
- **Unions**
- **Associations**
- **Contractors**
- **Entrepreneurs and more!**

“ I love being a stenographer because every day is different than the one before. I get to hear a little snippet of all walks of life, everything from serial killers to Super Bowl football players. It's fascinating! Each day I'm able to challenge myself to write better, cleaner, faster, and more efficiently; so it never gets boring. Over the last 30 years, it has been a career that has served me through all phases of my life, from a young, hardworking professional to mother of young children, and now as a mom of college kiddos. I'm excited for the future of our profession! ”

Amy Doman, RMR, CRR,
a freelancer in Carmel, Ind.

Provide records of meetings and hearings for:

- **Pretrial depositions**
- **Arbitrations**
- **Board meetings**
- **Stockholder meetings**
- **Convention sessions**
- **Other business sessions and more!**

**Make
your
own
schedule**



**Using modern
technology, many
freelancers
conduct realtime
assignments from
their home offices.**

Courtroom or official reporters find employment from:

- **Local, state, and federal governments**
 - Often as part of the team serving one judge or courtroom
 - Compensated on a government pay scale
 - Earn government benefits
- **Firm owners and private industry employers**
 - Provide services in court and in other business settings
 - Meetings
 - Conventions
 - Board meetings
 - Arbitrations and more!

“ At its heart, court reporting is a performance job. What most excites me about court reporting is my certainty that I am performing an essential but unique service. Keeping the record is one of the main principles of our legal system. ”

Carolyn Kerr, RPR
Official court reporter, Buffalo, N.Y.

Broadcast captioners:

- Provide **critical information** during emergencies to millions of Americans who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Enable viewers who are not native English speakers to enjoy news, sports, and entertainment programming.
- Take advantage of a strong job market.

**Flexible
hours
and work
environments**



Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) captioners:

- Enable **universal access** for speeches, lectures, and proceedings to individuals.
- Work in interesting environments from the classroom to the boardroom.

**Get certified
and expand
your options**



Other captioning venues:

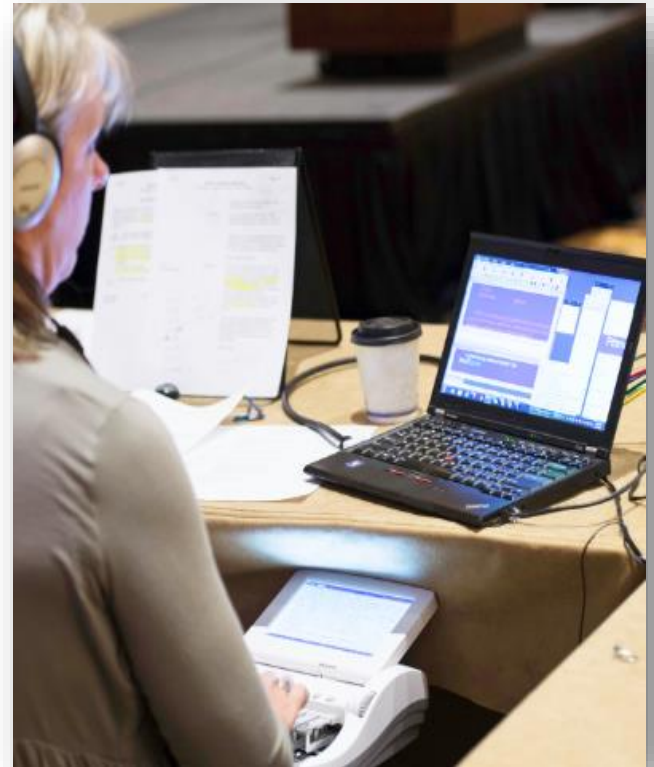
- **Financial earnings calls**
- **Sales meetings**
- **Press conferences**
- **Product introductions**
- **Technical training seminars**



Court reporters and captioners use **realtime technology** to enhance the marketability of their skills.

Three-step process:

1. The reporter's steno machine connects to a computer.
2. Software translates the shorthand to full text.
3. Clients receive the feed on their electronic devices seconds after the words are spoken.



- Court reporters and captioners with certification can expect the **best job opportunities**.
- Demand for court reporters and captioners is currently **on the rise**.
- Opportunities are nationwide.

Court reporting and captioning are **often overlooked as top jobs for professionals**, especially as a career that doesn't require a four-year college degree.

The truth is, **court reporters can spend less time in school** and be on their way to earning a **salary that is competitive** with other professions requiring four-year degrees.

Court reporting and **captioning** are careers that will be in **increasingly high demand** well into the future.

The **average age of our current court reporters is 51**. About 70 percent of existing court reporters will retire in the next 20 years.

There are **ample job opportunities** nationwide.

The profession is a great choice for:

- **Graduating high school students**
- **Career changers**
- **College path redirects**
- **Veterans**



What it takes:

- **Strong vocabulary** and a good ear for accents and dialects.
- **Ability to think** on your feet and adapt to a variety of situations.
- **Able to focus** 100 percent on the task at hand.



Where to start:



To learn more
about this exciting
profession, visit
DiscoverSteno.org.

Interested?

Attend a **FREE** online NCRA A to Z Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program

The NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program offers the perfect opportunity for potential students to learn the alphabet in steno, write on a real machine, and decide if pursuing an education in court reporting or captioning is the right choice.

- The **free** six-to-eight-week program teaches the basics of steno writing.
- Programs can be online, in-person, or asynchronous.
- Students can use a real steno machine or download the iStenoPad app.
- The schedule of upcoming programs can be found at [NCRA.org/AtoZonline](https://www.ncra.org/AtoZonline).



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