



What is the employment outlook for court reporters and captioners?

- ★ **Demand** for court reporters and captioners will exceed supply by more than 5,500 positions over the next several years.
- ★ ADA and FCC regulations will create a **greater need** for broadcast captioners and CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) captioners.
- ★ **Start a lucrative career**, court reporters and captioners who work full time earn an average income of \$60,000, with earning potential well into six figures.

**GAMER
MUSICIAN
WRITER
TECHNOLOGIST**



Who makes a good court reporter, captioner, or legal videographer?

- ★ Individuals who work independently and have a great **work ethic**
- ★ Individuals with an interest in the **legal system** or helping the deaf and hard-of-hearing community
- ★ **Musicians and gamers** with excellent dexterity and hand-eye coordination
- ★ **Grammar** geeks and those with an aptitude for learning new languages
- ★ Strong **writers** and spellers
- ★ **Entrepreneurs** who want to own a small business
- ★ **Technologists** with good troubleshooting skills

“ And here I am, over 20 years later, enjoying a career that has taken me across the country as well as around the world, meeting people, and always learning something new. ”



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I am a court reporter

I'm fluent in a language that allows me to convert speech to text as fast as humans can speak it (at least 225 words per minute with 96% accuracy).

I put Siri to shame. I'm a master of technology. I'm committed to constantly learning and improving my skills. I run my own business as a freelancer, and I set my own hours – I may write deposition transcripts one day and caption a town hall meeting or church service the next. Or, I work in federal, state, county, and local courts to capture the record.

“ I survived court reporting school by having a great group of friends who were also students. Hard work does pay off in the end when you finally get to take your first deposition. ”

I am a captioner

I work from home to caption live news and sporting events. Sportscasters speak (quickly); I write. My steno is instantly translated to English with impressive accuracy given the speed at which this process happens. As a specialized CART captioner, I also provide an instantaneous text stream to people who are deaf or hard of hearing. **I level the playing field** in classrooms, at community events, at church services, and whenever I'm needed. I open doors of information.

“ I love that I get to caption big, world events. I've captioned the State of the Union address, Nancy Reagan's funeral, and the pope when he was in America. ”

I am a legal videographer

I love technology. I capture the video record of depositions. I make sure that the video evidence supports the official transcript provided by a professional court reporter, and I can even sync the transcript to my video to create a polished, effective tool for litigators.

“ Although automation of equipment has made one aspect easier, there are many more variables that one encounters as a videographer. Encoding, transcoding, synchronization, archiving, editing, and trial presentation now fall in the videographers' domain. ”