

Who makes a good court reporter or captioner?

- * Individuals who can work independently and have a great work ethic
- * Those with an interest in the legal system or 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
- * Good technologists with troubleshooting skills (or willingness to learn!)

What is the employment outlook for court reporters and captioners?

- * By 2018, demand for court reporters and captioners will exceed supply by more than 5,400 positions, according to research by Ducker Worldwide.
- * ADA and FCC regulations will create greater demand for captioners and CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation).
- * Court reporters and captioners who work full time earn an average income of \$60,000 to start, with earning potential well into six figures with experience.

How do I get started?

- * Visit crTakeNote.com and fill out the information request form.
- * Research NCRA Certified programs at NCRA.org/schools.
- * Contact programs near you or online programs to discuss enrollment and financial aid options directly with prospective schools.

What is NCRA?

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) was founded with the mission of "setting the standard for captioning the record." NCRA offers professional certification to court reporters, CART captioners, and legal videographers.



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Court Reporting
Captioning
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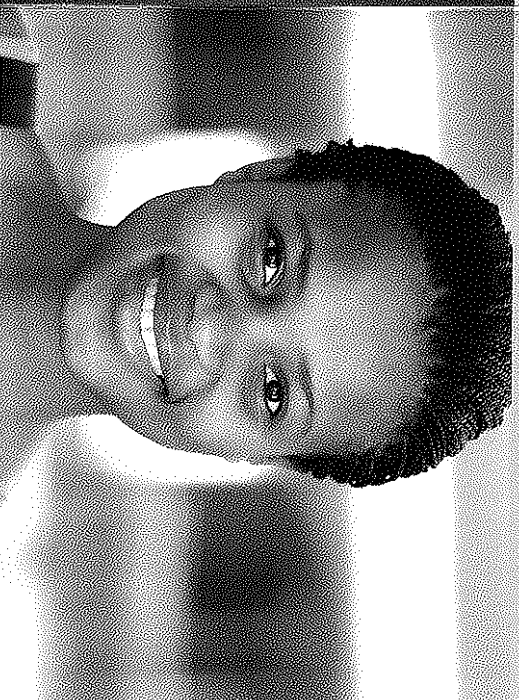




I am a court reporter

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 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.

“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.”



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.”

WHY ARE COURT REPORTERS BENEFICIAL TO THE BOTTOM LINE?

Court reporters are cost-effective.

In many jurisdictions, court reporters bear most, if not all, of the expenses for their equipment, making sophisticated speech-to-text transcription technology available to your court system.

Digital audio systems require yearly maintenance costs as well as software and hardware upgrades, resulting in additional costs to the court system's budget that can negate and potentially exceed any claimed cost savings.

HOW DO I FIND MORE RESOURCES ABOUT COURT REPORTERS?

Find local help

For more information on how court reporters work with your court system, please contact your local court reporters association.

A directory of state associations can be found at NCRA.org/StateAssociations. You may also contact NCRA at PR@NCRA.org.

Find individual reporters

To find reporters to meet your specific needs, please visit the [NCRA-Online-Sourcebook](http://NCRA-Online-Sourcebook.com) at NCRASourcebook.com.



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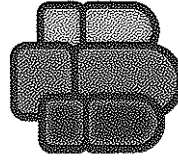
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COST-EFFECTIVE

HIGHLY SKILLED

REALTIME CAPABLE

FAST TURNAROUND



NCRA PROFESSIONAL ADVANTAGE

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WHY ARE COURT REPORTERS INVALUABLE TO THE COURT?

The reliability and accuracy of a court reporter cannot be replaced by digital recording or voice recognition in the foreseeable future. Court reporters and captioners have the skill and training to provide the public with accurate and reliable records, ensuring a full and fair appellate review to all parties.

Court reporters and captioners are highly skilled and educated professionals.

- Reach speeds upwards of 260 words per minute, enabling them to capture every word of the proceedings
- Pursue ongoing continuing education throughout their careers to maintain their certifications, ensuring that they are up-to-date on the latest technology and processes in the legal system
- Certify and testify, if necessary, to the accuracy and integrity of the record
- Provide the most reliable and most accurate transcript

Court reporters stay at the forefront of technology.

- Constantly upgrade their software and hardware to ensure that they remain the most reliable and most accurate method of capturing the record
- Synchronize their transcripts with a digital audio or digital video recording to provide a searchable multimedia record

Court reporters and captioners help provide a public service to your community.

- Through instant speech-to-text captioning, the court and legal system are made accessible to people with hearing loss.

Court reporters vs. digital recording

	Court reporter	Digital recording
Capture testimony with 99%+ accuracy	Yes	No
Identify speakers	Yes	No
Manage multiple and overlapping speakers	Yes	No
Create an immediate realtime or draft transcript	Yes	No
Expedite same-day or next-day final transcript	Yes	No
Mark exhibits	Yes	No
Request clarification of testimony during a proceeding	Yes	No
Provide equal access to court participants with hearing loss	Yes	No
Able to discern which conversations should be off the record	Yes	No
Able to clarify technical terms immediately to ensure the most accurate and reliable transcript	Yes	No

WHY CAN'T COMPETING TECHNOLOGIES REPLACE COURT REPORTERS?

Court reporters have the capability to provide realtime.

- Realtime instantly captures the spoken word so that judges, law clerks, court clerks, parties to a proceeding, jurors, and members of the media, as well as those who are deaf or hard of hearing, have immediate access to a transcript.

- Realtime feeds can be accessed remotely and by multiple devices, saving time and money. Wired and wireless technology delivers realtime feeds simply and securely.

Court reporters can perform functions that other technologies cannot.

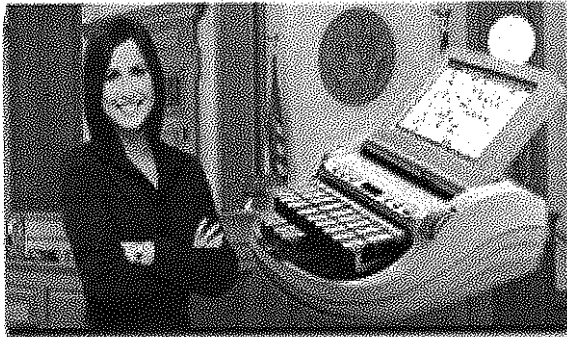
- With transcripts of court proceedings available on demand, a reporter can provide clarification on any moment of the court record, saving time and money.
- A reporter discriminates between testimony and background noise and can clarify otherwise inaudible or heavily accented speech.
- A reporter does not inadvertently record off-the-record attorney-client exchanges.

Court reporters provide fast turnaround of transcripts.

- A reporter produces both electronic and paper transcripts, offering virtually instantaneous resources and added flexibility to accommodate the needs of the court.
- A reporter provides certified transcripts each day to those involved in complicated and/or high-stakes trials.

WE are technology.

Integrating the intuitive human touch with cutting-edge technology, **STENOGRAPHIC REPORTERS** capture and preserve a verbatim record as a result of years of specialized training and education.



- Stenographers can provide Realtime text streams to parties both onsite and attending legal proceedings remotely
- Produce instant rough drafts
- Certify same- or next-day final transcripts
- Read back testimony at proceedings

- Utilizing technology, Stenographers can cover proceedings onsite or remotely all over the world
- Capture verbatim testimony up to speeds of 280 words per minute
- Provide closed captioning services for live events, such as sports, news, and emergency broadcasts during natural disasters
- Provide Realtime text onsite at schools and other forums to assist the deaf or hard of hearing
- Proceedings can be produced in multiple formats to complement litigation support software
- Stenographic notes of a proceeding can be synced with live video to create impactful moments during trial



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TECHNOLOGY: *Science of craft, skill, cunning of hand; the collection of techniques, skills, methods, used in the production of services or in the accomplishment of objectives, such as creating a verbatim instant record.*

Stenographers are TECHNOLOGY.

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