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**(Name of School) to celebratem125 Years of Accuracy and Integrity**

**during 2024 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week**

**YOUR CITY, YOUR STATE, DATE, 2024 —** The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that (**SCHOOL NAME highlight with link to your website**) in (**City, State**) is promoting the career opportunities in stenographic court reporting and captioning by participating in the 2024 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week.

The weeklong event, themed “125 Years of Accuracy and Integrity,” coincides with NCRA’s 125th Anniversary, and will serve to bring court reporters, captioners, court reporting firms, schools, and others in the legal industry together to help highlight the many aspects that make court reporting and captioning a viable profession. Those aspects include a quicker entrance into the workforce since no four-year degree is required, good salaries, flexibility, interesting venues, and the increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available in the field.

(**NAME OF SCHOOL)**, a premier court reporting education program, is celebrating the national effort by [**highlight activities, cite examples. It may be as simple as “encouraging its student population to get involved with Court Reporting & Captioning Week by engaging in a grassroots effort to promote the profession and educate local communities about the value stenographic skills bring to today’s marketplace.”]**

**“Provide a quote about the importance of this awareness week and the importance of this profession,”** said **(full name and title)**.

“We believe that court reporting and captioning is worthy of national recognition, and we were proud to take part in this national initiative,” said (**last name of school official quoted earlier**).

The 2024 event marks the 12th year NCRA has hosted the celebration.

“Court Reporting & Captioning Week is one of the best celebrations of the year for our profession, and this year we are fortunate enough to also be celebrating our Association’s 125 Anniversary,” NCRA President Kristin M. Anderson, M.A., RPR, FCRR, an official court reporter from Denton, Texas, said.

“It is the perfect opportunity for members of the public who might not be familiar with what stenographic court reporters and captioners do to learn more about the profession and the vital role we play in the judicial system, the business world, and in providing access to information to those in the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities,” Anderson said.

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 real time. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and 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.

If you’re looking for a career that is on the cutting edge of technology, offers the opportunity for work at home or abroad, like to write, enjoy helping others, and are fast with your fingers, then the fields of court reporting and captioning are careers you can explore at [*NCRA/discoversteno.org*.](https://www.ncra.org/discoversteno)

[The NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand](https://www.ncra.org/discoversteno) program, a free online six-week introductory course, lets participants see if a career in court reporting or captioning would be a good choice for them. The program is an introduction to stenographic theory and provides participants with the opportunity to learn the basics of writing on a steno machine. There is no charge to take the course, but participants are required to have access to a steno machine or an iPad they can use to download the [iStenoPad app](https://www.ncra.org/home/students-teachers/careers-in-court-reporting-captioning/find-a-job/ncra-a-to-z-online-program-machine-rental).

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter, captioner, legal videographer, or a current court reporting student, 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).

[About NCRA](https://www.ncra.org)

*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 12,000 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.* [*NCRA’s STRONG Committee*](https://www.ncra.org/home/get-involved/ncra-strong---home) *promotes stenographic captioning and court reporting as the best means to maintain the accuracy of the record. One of its missions is to combat false proclamations that digital and automatic speech recognition (ASR) methods of capturing the spoken word are equal to superior to stenographic means and/or that these methods are less expensive.*

*Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to be one of the fastest areas of projected employment growth across all occupations. According to* [247/WallSt.com](https://247wallst.com/special-report/2020/06/26/college-majors-with-the-lowest-unemployment-3/5/)*, the court reporting profession ranks sixth out of 25 careers with the lowest unemployment rate, just 0.7 percent. 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 DiscoverSteno.org*.*](https://www.ncra.org/discoversteno)