



## Celebrate AI: The Real Accuracy & Integrity during 2025 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

NCRA has announced that the 13<sup>th</sup> national Court Reporting & Captioning Week will be held Feb. 1-8, 2025, and will carry the theme: AI: The Real Accuracy & Integrity, to promote the profession and educate the public that no artificial intelligence system can replace, nor should replace, the gold standard of capturing the official record that stenographic court reporters and captioners provide.

Court reporters work hard every day to help people access the U.S. legal system while captioners give access to conferences, calls, educational classes, and television broadcasts to people who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is in their honor that NCRA first declared a national week 13 years ago to champion their ongoing efforts. And this year the celebration will be even more special as 2024 marked the Association's Quasquicentennial.

“No matter how advanced, AI cannot replicate the human element when it comes to capturing the record,” said NCRA President Keith Lemons, FAPR, RPR, CRR (Ret.), a retired freelance court reporter, official court reporter, and agency owner from Spring Hill, Tenn.

“A live court reporter is present and has situational awareness of the emotions and innuendos of the subtlety of the spoken word, something AI cannot and will never be able to. That ability is a sacred and instinctual ability and one that no man-made system can ever replace. Stenographic court reporters and captioners are the epitome of these abilities,” Lemons said.

NCRA's public relations campaign will highlight the career options available to those who graduate from a court reporting program, as well as showcase how the stenographic profession has evolved from pen writers to today's technology that produces realtime translation from the spoken word to text.

### **How can you celebrate?**

Visit the 2025 Court Reporting & Captioning Week [resources page](#) to access an array of downloadable resources and tools that can be used to help celebrate the profession and the Association. Resources include materials for presenting court reporting and captioning as exciting job opportunities for students, press release templates, social media-appropriate logos and banners, tips for securing an official proclamation, and more. Be sure to check back often as additional items will be added as the event nears. Make plans today to get involved and support 2025 Court Reporting & Captioning Week.