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*(Michael Bouley, left, Debbie Dibble, right)*

### **Local court reporter honored with 2024 Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism *Debbie Dibble from Salt Lake City recognized at national conference***

RESTON, Va., Aug. 6, 2024 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), presented the 2024 Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism to Debbie Dibble, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, a freelance court reporter and broadcast captioner from Salt Lake City, Utah. NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

The announcement was made at a special awards luncheon at the 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo held Aug. 1-3 in Louisville, Ky. The [Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism](#) was created in 2021 when the eight Bouley family children chose to donate to NCRF in recognition of their father who was an exemplary role model as a court reporter, instructor, and philanthropist. The award is given to a court reporter or captioner with more than 25 years of experience who has given back to the profession and to the community with no expectation of reward.

Dibble, who holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), and Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC), is also a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR). She also holds the Realtime Systems Administrator Certificate. Dibble is the third recipient of the Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism.

Dibble graduated from the Intermountain College of Court Reporting in Murray, Utah, in 1988 and began her career as a freelance court reporter with DepomaxMerit Litigation Services where she



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continues to work today. She has also worked as a freelance court reporter or captioner for the state of Utah, the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf, Westminster College, and Captions West. She also captioned the National Democratic Committee Executive Board meeting in 2012 and the 2016 National Republican Convention Caucus.

At the national level, Dibble has served on a number of committees and in numerous leadership positions including as a National Congress of State Associations delegate, as well as on the TRAIN, PAC, STRONG, COPE and Constitution & Bylaws Committees. She has also chaired the Finance and the Policies & Procedures Committees and has served as a Board Liaison to the Technology, Realtime Systems Administrator, and CRC Committees. She has served as the Association's Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, President-Elect, and as the 2021-2022 President. She is also a frequent contributor to the *JCR* magazine.

As NCRA President, Dibble was instrumental in the development and launch of the Career Launcher program housed under the National Court Reporters Foundation. The 10-module program is designed to serve as a bridge or provide tips of the trade for new or seasoned professionals, exposing them to myriad real-life situations.

Dibble has also presented numerous times at the national and state levels for the court reporting industry, as well as for a number of community groups. She has also provided testimony in several Utah legislative hearings regarding bills that related to the court reporting profession.

At the state level, Dibble is a certified court reporter in the states of Utah, California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas and Washington. She is also a frequent organizer and participant in the Veterans History Project, which captures and transcribes the stories of U.S. military veterans and are then given to the Library of Congress for archiving.

Dibble served as a director for the Utah Court Reporters Association (UCRA) for a number of years and is a past member of the Tennessee Court Reporters Association. She is also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from UCRA and the American Legion.

"Few people can match Debbie's record of volunteerism: Board service; offering her tech expertise; writing articles for the *JCR*; representing our profession at outside events and conventions; Career Launcher; and her service to STRONG," wrote Elizabeth Harvey, FAPR, RPR, a freelance court reporter from Seattle, Wash., one of several of her colleagues who nominated her for the award.



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Quoting the Dalai Lama, which made her think of Dibble immediately, Harvey added: “The practice of altruism is the authentic way to live as a human being, and it is not just for religious people. As human beings, our purpose is to live meaning lives, to develop a warm heart. There is meaning in being everyone’s friend. The real source of peace amongst our families, friends, and neighbors is love and compassion.”

“The wide scope of her contributions and efforts to selflessly elevate the industry, as well as her investments in individual reporters, is self-evident to everyone in a position to witness it,” wrote Merilee. S. Johnson, RDR, CRR, CRC, a freelance court reporter and captioner from Eden, Minn.

For information about The Jim Bouley Family Lifetime Award for Altruism, contact NCRF Manager Jill Parker Landsman at [jlandsman@ncra.org](mailto:jlandsman@ncra.org).

The court reporting and captioning professions offer viable career choices that do not require a four-year college degree and yet offer good salaries, flexible schedules, and interesting venues. There is currently an increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available nationwide and abroad. 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.

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter or captioner, 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](#)

*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 125 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.*

*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](http://247/WallSt.com), the court reporting profession ranks sixth out of 25 careers with the lowest unemployment rate, just 0.7 percent. Career information about the court*



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*reporting profession—one of the leading career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at [NCRA DiscoverSteno.org](http://NCRA.DiscoverSteno.org).*

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*The National Court Reporters Foundation is the philanthropic arm of NCRA. As a charitable organization, the NCRF relies almost solely on tax-deductible donations, the majority of which come from NCRA members and associated businesses. To donate, or for information on NCRF's programs, visit [NCRA/Foundation.org](http://NCRA/Foundation.org).*