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### **Local court reporter to serve as national leader** ***Keith R. Lemons, from Spring Hill, Tenn., named NCRA President***

**RESTON, Va., Aug. 6, 2024** — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Keith R. Lemons, FAPR, RPR, CRR (Ret.), from Spring Hill, Tenn., will serve as the Association’s 2024-2025 President. The announcement was made at the 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo that took place Aug. 1-3, in Louisville, Ky.

Lemons is a retired freelance court reporter, former firm owner, and official court reporter with more than 40 years of experience. He retired in 2020 from Cleeton Davis Court Reporters in Nashville, Tenn. Lemons holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR). He is also a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters (FAPR).

At the national level, Lemons previously served on the NCRA Board of Directors for a three-year term, including most recently as President-Elect. He is also a past chair of NCRA’s Scopists Task Force and served on the Association’s Constitution & Bylaws, Technology, and Realtime Systems Administrator Committees. He has been a contributor to the *Journal of Court Reporting*, the official membership magazine of NCRA for many years. He has also served as a presenter at the national and state levels.

At the state level, Lemons is a past president of the Wyoming Association of Shorthand Reporters and the Tennessee Court Reporters Association.



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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 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).*