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(Left, Doug Friend NCRF Chair, right, Denee Vadell)

Local court reporter is recipient of the 2024 Carl Saucedo Grant
Official court reporter Denee Vadell, recognized for giving back

RESTON, Va., Aug. 7, 2024 — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), presented the [Carl Saucedo Grant](#) in the amount of \$2,000 to Denee Vadell, RPR, an official court reporter from Edison, N.J. 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 grant goes to a court reporter or captioner who elevates the profession by impacting and teaching others, and honors Saucedo, FAPR, RMR (Ret.), of Hayward, Calif., who served as NCRA President from 1999 to 2000 and continues a legacy of giving back to others.

The grant was awarded to Vadell by NCRF Trustees in recognition of her promoting the profession to others, the influence she has had in the lives of rising court reporters, and her continuous commitment to supporting the stenographic court reporting and captioning professions.

Vadell holds the nationally recognized professional certification of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and currently serves as Senior Court Reporter at New York County Civil Supreme Court. Prior to her current position, Vadell was a court reporter with the Bronx Criminal Court from 2018 through 2024. She is also a captioner and CART provider. She is a 2012 graduate of the StenoTech Career Institute in Fairfield, N.J. in 2012.

At the national level, Vadell has served on a number of committees including as chair of the Membership, Marketing & Outreach Committee, and as a member of the Brand Ambassadors Council and technology Committee.



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Active at the state level as well, Vadell serves as a First Department Director for the New York State Court Reporters Association, as a Board member, and as a past member of its Convention Committee.

Vadell is founder of the social media group StenoFluencers and is known throughout the industry for her promoting the stenographic court reporting and captioning professions. She has addressed students about the profession at the national and state level and has participated in numerous activities in conjunction with Plaza College in Queens, N.Y., to highlight the profession. She has also been interviewed by the media numerous times about the benefits of the stenographic court reporting and captioning professions.

“A cornerstone of Denee’s promotion of the profession has been her effective use of social media to educate and recruit students into court reporting. Through her online presence, Denee has managed to revolutionize the way in which court reporting and captioning services are perceived and engaged with,” wrote Angela Grant, RDR, CRR, and official court reporter and freelancer from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., who nominated Vadell.

“Denee’s work at promoting the profession is not just a response to the immediate needs of our profession, but a forward-looking plan designed to secure its future. By focusing on the integration of technology and the development of new talent, Denee is ensuring that the court reporting and captioning professions evolve to meet the changing landscape of the legal and CART communities.

“Stacy’s vision is to have a modern steno machine, and possibly an iPad, at each career fair table. This would enable students to actually sit down and learn to ‘write’ on a steno machine alongside a working reporter. Not only would this allow students who visit to learn about the careers of court reporting and captioning, but it would allow the volunteers to engage with students in a way that would show them what it is like to write on the ‘little machine’.”

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.



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[The NCRA A to Z[®] Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand](#) 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](#).

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.

[About NCRA](#)

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) has been internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word 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. [NCRA's STRONG Committee](#) 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, 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.

[About NCRF](#)

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