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### **Karen Santucci, an educator from Forest Hills, N.Y., earns NCRA 2024 CASE Award of Excellence**

**RESTON, Va., Aug. 7, 2024** — NCRA, the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, announced that Karen Santucci, CRI, a court reporting instructor and school administrator from Forest Hills, N.Y., was named 2024 Educator of the Year. The announcement was made at NCRA’s 2024 Conference & Expo held Aug 1-3 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

NCRA’s CASE (Council on Approved Student Education) Award of Excellence recognizes the important role student education plays in the court reporting profession and honors educators for their dedication and outstanding achievement and leadership. Recipients are nominated by an NCRA member.

Santucci holds the nationally recognized professional certification of Certified Reporter Instructor (CRI) and is an experienced dedicated court reporting educator with more than 20 years of expertise in the teaching field. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Plaza College, in Queens, N.Y., and started her court reporting career working in the Queens County District Attorney’s office assisting the grand jury court reporters. Santucci moved on to teach at the Business Informatics Center and the Long Island Business Institute before joining Plaza College. She has worked in all capacities developing and implementing course curriculum, teaching theory and speed building, and directing court reporting faculty.



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Santucci is also an active member of NCRA and regularly participates in industry conferences and workshops to stay current with the latest advancements and best practices. She has also served on NCRA's A to Z<sup>®</sup> and Student/Teacher Committees. She is also a member of the New York State Court Reporters Association where she currently holds the position of Vice President.

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 event captioning, and assisting members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities with gaining access to information, entertainment, education 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, captioning, and legal videography 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).*