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**Henrico County, Va., Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon L. Taylor to deliver  
keynote at NCRA's 2025 Leadership & Legislative Boot Camp**  
*Legal expert will address AI in the courtroom, criminal justice reform, and more*

**RESTON, Va., Dec. 18, 2024** —The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, is pleased to announce that Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney, Shannon L. Taylor, will deliver the keynote address at its 2025 Legislative & Leadership Boot Camp Feb. 2-5 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Alexandria, Va. Taylor has served as Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney since January 2012.

Taylor, a respected figure in the realm of criminal justice, will explore critical themes in her address, including the emergence of Artificial Intelligence in the legal system, the ongoing efforts toward Criminal Justice Reform, and the enduring importance of judicial integrity. Taylor will also highlight the indispensable role of stenographic court reporters at all levels of our legal system, acknowledging their vital contribution to the accuracy and integrity of judicial proceedings.

"Having Shannon Taylor speak at our Boot Camp is an honor," said NCRA President Keith R. Lemons, FAPR, RPR, CRR (Ret.). "Her insights into how AI can transform yet challenge the traditional practices in our courts, combined with her commitment to reform and integrity, will undoubtedly inspire and inform our members."

The Legislative & Leadership Boot Camp is designed to empower NCRA members with the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate effectively for their profession. This year's event



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promises to be a pivotal gathering for those dedicated to upholding and advancing the standards of stenographic reporting.

For more information about the 2025 Legislative and Leadership Boot Camp or to register, please [visit the event page](#) or contact the Government Relations Department via email at [NCRAGR@ncra.org](mailto:NCRAGR@ncra.org).

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](http://NCRA/discoversteno.org).

[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](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 more than 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*



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*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).*