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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As summer winds down and fall creeps in, it seems strange to be focusing our attention on the March convention rather than the October Fall Education Day. While The Board is still discussing, brainstorming, and evolving with these crazy times, the mindset at this time is to offer Fall Education Day in odd years and offer a convention in even years. The influx of seminars being offered on the web, coupled with the expenses of these events -- particularly in the midst of a recession -- has forced us to rethink our agenda.

As most of you know, the NCRA Convention was in National Harbor, Maryland, this month at the Gaylord National. What a fabulous location, drawing approximately 1,400 attendees. VCRA -- thanks to the hard work of Stacey & Rich Halberg, Colette Boes, Gwenda Applegate, Melissa McDaniel, Bria Bisignano, Jennifer Metesh, Anne Marie Farmer, and Diane Dallara -- made jewelry and hand-painted signs (Realtime: Know No Conflicts; NCRA: Standards of Excellence; etc.) that we sold at VCRA's booth. Special thanks as well to Marianne Martini Holmes, who spoiled us with her decadent brownies and mouth-watering chocolate chip cookies to munch on while we "created"! We enlisted four new members at the convention and sold a couple hundred dollars worth of goodies, making it all worthwhile...particularly since the table was free!

Hearing the buzz from the 1,400 court reporters in attendance, I feel very fortunate to be working in Virginia, a state in which freelance reporters enjoy the luxury of working in the deposition setting as well as the court setting, as those exclusively in the deposition arena as well as those exclusively state officials seem to be feeling the pinch the worst.

Start planning now on attending the convention at The Homestead March 12-14, 2010. Consider paying the registration fee this fall; not only will you receive a \$25 discount, but all you'll have to worry about come March is the hotel. (Our group rate is \$185). To learn more about The Homestead, go to www.thehomestead.com. See for yourself how fabulous it is.

Kerry Zahn, VCRA President



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Upcoming Events

- October 24-25, 2009
NVRA Testing in Herndon, Virginia
- March 12-14, 2010
VCRA's Annual Meeting & Convention at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia.

"Hero," A special Search Dog

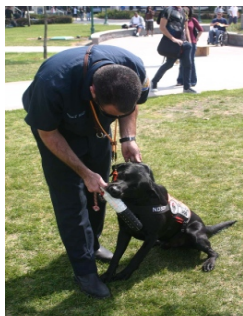
On March 11, 2005, Julie Brandau, an Atlanta court reporter, was tragically killed on the job by a gunman who had entered the court room. Julie's judge, the Honorable Rowland Barnes, also was shot and died that day.

When Jan Garnett Lopez, a fellow court reporter in California, heard of this nightmare, she decided to take action. She wanted to honor Julie's memory in a special way and set out to research what she could find out about this remarkable woman who lost her life. She discovered that Julie was an exceptional individual who had a great heart, was caring, and was passionate about so many people and things in her life. Of her many passions was her Golden Retriever, Heidi, who was her best friend and companion.

Jan's mission became clear. She would develop a community service project that encompassed Julie's love for dogs, her commitment to civil service, and her giving nature and learned of an agency called The National Disaster Search Dog Foundation, which rescues Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, and Border Collies, and trains them to find people buried alive in the aftermath of disasters. The trained dogs are then partnered with first responders; primarily police and fire personnel. The foundation provides this service at no cost to the agencies who receive these special animals. This, of course, is no easy task financially. The foundation's cost to train and place one of these dogs with a handler is \$10,000. This is where Jan decided she could help.

First, she contacted Julie's daughter Christina and shared her compassion and desire to act in her mother's memory. With Christina's excited support and shared desire, the official memorial project was launched in May 2005.

"I created a community service memorial project at the local level for Julie," Jan said. "I wanted to find a way to honor her memory and with her being an animal lover, the NDSDF was a perfect fit."



Jan began to spread awareness throughout the court reporting community and gather donations from numerous organizations. Through her efforts, the help and donations of generous court reporters nationwide, and the support of the NCRA, she has been able to sponsor the training and placement of 3 search dogs that have gone on to provide a vital service for our nation.

If you were fortunate enough to attend the NCRA National Convention in D.C. this past August, you had the privilege of meeting "Hero," one of these special dogs, and her owner Su Vodrazka.



The pair work together at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

To date, the Julie Brandau Community Service Memorial has successfully sponsored three search animals and are already working hard to sponsor their fourth. What a wonderful and amazing effort Jan has made! And how inspiring it is to hear of the support and generosity of our professional community across the nation. We, as part of this court reporting family, and the VCRA, should be asking ourselves, "What can I do to help?"

(Submitted by Cheryl Maddox, RPR,CCR)



www.searchdogfoundation.org

Tennessee Passes Court Reporter Licensure Bill

On June 23, 2009, Tennessee's governor signed a bill requiring licensure for that state's court reporters which will become effective July 1, 2010. This bill prohibits any person from practicing court reporting in this state or holding the person out as a court reporter unless the person is a licensed court reporter, except as otherwise provided by law.

The license will be valid for two years from the date of issuance. To be licensed as a court reporter, an applicant must submit proof of passage of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) Registered Professional Reporter examination,

the National Verbatim Reporters Association (NVRA) Certified Verbatim Reporter examination, or the American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers (AAERT) Certified Electronic Court Reporter examination.

For a summary of the bill go to

<http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/billinfo/BillSummaryArchive.aspx?BillNumber=HB1775&ga=106>

(Submitted by Anita Glover, CVR-CM, CCR, CM)

(Taken from NVRA's eVoice)

Top 10 Things Court Reporters Looking For Work Must Do

1. Have an updated resume – this may sound obvious. I get about two or three resumes a week, another two or three cold calls, and some email blasts. I am constantly surprised how casual reporters are looking for either staff positions or overflow work. Many of the people who contact me have no resume and expect to be put on my list just because they called. At the very least I would like to see a resume with a name, CSR number, address, and places the reporters have worked. It would be great to know what CAT system you are on, which version, and know what machine you are writing on. I want reporters with great equipment working my clients.
2. Don't call or email me and the first thing you ask for are our rates we pay reporters. I had someone call today and said, "I am moving to San Diego and am calling court reporting firms to find out what they pay. What are your rates?" I didn't even get a "Hello" or "My name is..." This person will never work for my firm. I wouldn't want her in front of my clients ever.
3. Be a member of a local or state association. I want to know that the reporters who work my clients are proud to be reporters and keep up-to-date about what is happening in the field. Not being able to afford membership is no excuse.
4. If a firm is not "hiring," and you are a brand new CSR, but you really want to work with that firm, ask to sit in with some of the seasoned reporter (s) or the owner. Be available and have a positive attitude. Be grateful and happy that you are doing something rather than just sitting home.
5. Be available, available, available. Tell calendar/scheduling persons for different firms you are available to do anything last minute. Take a shower when you wake up, get dressed, and be ready to go on a moment's notice.
6. Accept that things are slow. It is what it is. I understand people are frustrated, scared, and worried. It is okay to state the obvious, that you are slow and need work, but then stop. Don't talk too much about the past and how unfair everything is. Have a mindset that you are going to be working again soon.
7. Read. After you shower, get dressed, and are waiting for the phone call, read the newspaper, create a list of proper names you can put into your main dictionary of banks, national and local companies that are in the news. Keep focusing on being better than ever.
8. Sharpen your skills. If you write realtime, work on speed and accuracy. Practice, practice, practice.
9. Have a Blackberry or PDA in which you can receive email. Many firms these days send out email blasts for reporters, and the first one to email back gets the job.
10. Attitude is everything. Things are going to get better. We are going to be super busy in the future. Be a better reporter when things turn around. Don't be stagnant. This is the best profession ever.



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(Submitted by Lois Boyle, RMR)

(Taken from Kramm Court Reporting blog [via RSS](#))

Common English Errors

Confused between homonyms?

Easy answers are a click away:

<http://www.wsu.edu/brians/errors/index.html>

, then click on "Go to list of errors."

A book and calendar are also available.

- Your avocation is just your hobby. Don't mix it up with your job, your vocation.
- Apples have cores. A corps is an organization, like the Peace Corps. A corpse is a dead body, a carcass.
- What would a statue of limitations look like? A cop stopping traffic? The Venus de Milo? The legal phrase limiting the period after which an offense can no longer be prosecuted is the statute (law) of limitations.
- If you idly travel around, you wander. If you realize you are lost, you wonder where you are.

(Submitted by Anita Glover, CVR-CM, CCR, HM)

(Taken from NVRA's eVoice)

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES



Thought you guys might get a chuckle out of this:

The other night while my family sat relaxing, watching a movie, I sat nearby working on my laptop when I made the statement, "I really don't feel like doing this right now."

To which my 10-year-old son replied, "Well, mom, if you wouldn't make so many errors on your machine in the courtroom, it wouldn't take you so long."

After I lifted my mouth up off the floor, I replied, "You know, you're absolutely right. You're absolutely right."

(Submitted by Jayne Gromkoski, RPR)



Left to right: William F. DiMonte, Lisa DiMonte and Kathy DiLorenzo

Launch of MyLegal.com: The First Social Network for Litigation Support Professionals

MyLegal.com, an international social network for the niche group of professionals who serve the legal industry, was launched on July 21, 2009, in the Nation's Capital.

Through the MyLegal.com forums, blogs and contributed articles, Members have the ability to learn about technology and trends from the combined experiences of litigation support professionals. In addition, MyLegal.com Members will soon have access to interviews with noted leaders in litigation support and related fields, how-to videos, and a broader legal community who can help to enhance and expand their business opportunities.

Early launch efforts have focused on court reporters, scopists and legal videographers. MyLegal.com continues to work closely with groups of thought leaders within these segments of the litigation support industry to learn what they expect from a social network tailored to their professional needs. As a result of feedback from its Members, enhancements have already been made to MyLegal.com with exciting new features scheduled to be released in the coming weeks. Since its formal launch on July 31, MyLegal.com is home to over 1,500 members. The next phase of the launch will include individuals from additional litigation support professions, including interpreters and translators, process servers and notaries public, with subsequent launches to include others in the litigation support industry.

William F. DiMonte, the new venture's principal, is himself a former videographer and account executive for an international litigation support firm, and he understands firsthand the need for an online community to serve litigation support professionals. When asked what makes the site different from the specialty groups found on other on-line sites such as Facebook™ and LinkedIn™, DiMonte asserts that "MyLegal.com brings together all professionals serving the legal community. Using Facebook™ as a community for both professional and personal contacts can be problematical and have unintended consequences," DiMonte continues, "and LinkedIn™ is too broad of a community to engender the kinds of discussions and sharing of information that we are seeing on MyLegal.com. While each of these professionals performs a very distinct and different service, they all share the same challenges and can benefit from the ability to interact with their peers anytime they need advice, information or industry-specific news."

DiMonte has hired industry leader Kathy DiLorenzo as the firm's Vice-President of Business Development. Bringing over 28 years of experience from the field, Kathy was convinced of the need for a social networking site for her peers. "MyLegal.com will revolutionize the way litigation support professionals communicate and connect with one other. There are numerous sites for professionals to interact, but until MyLegal.com, none existed that connected related professionals and provided outside perspectives from within the legal community."

Serving as a business consultant for MyLegal.com is Lisa DiMonte, who brings over 30 years of experience to the firm. "Every successful professional knows that good business is about building and nurturing relationships," says Ms. DiMonte, "and MyLegal.com will provide the robust platform to enable relationship building for our members."

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THE TOP REASONS TO BELONG TO THE VIRGINIA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION:

10. Professional development & continuing education;
9. Exciting conventions and fall education days;
8. Networking & information exchange;
7. A resource for answers & solutions to problems;
6. The ability to keep abreast of legal trends & changes in laws, technology, business climates. & the profession in general;
5. A cost-effective way to maintain CEUs/CEs;
4. Being part of a collective voice;
3. A resource of employers, vendors and suppliers;
2. Eligibility to participate in the Certified Court Reporter Program, and
1. Bragging Rights! Yes, I am a proud member of VCRA.

(Submitted by Anita Glover, CVR-CM, CCR, HM)

VCRA 2009 - 2010 MEMBERS (Join your friends & colleagues in supporting your State Association)

Professional Members with CCR

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(Submitted by Colette Boes)



Lisa DiMonte and Kathy DiLorenzo each bring a broad background and vast level of experience from the field. Both began their careers as court reporters. At the age of 32, DiMonte started her own firm and, during the ensuing 15 years, grew the business to become the largest independently owned firm in the Mid-Atlantic region. DiLorenzo made an early move in her career as well, using her court reporting skills to provide expert training and leadership in the field of broadcast captioning and realtime technology in the litigation support arena.

The career paths of DiMonte and DiLorenzo crossed when DiMonte's firm was acquired by an international provider of court reporting services and DiLorenzo was hired as its Vice President of National Court Reporter Relations. The two now exit the business of providing court reporting services to join forces and combine their talents to connect all litigation support professionals within one social network.

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"Without the human community, one single human being cannot survive." — Dalai Lama

(Submitted by Kathy DiLorenzo
Vice President, Business Development
MyLegal.com, LLC)

Tips to Clip!



Energize your morning!



Wake up and smell the coffee!

The smell of coffee helps us feel more alert. To jumpstart your morning, put your coffee maker on a timer so a fresh pot is brewing when your alarm goes off!



Get your heart pumping!

Exercising first thing in the morning is the best way to rev up your metabolism. And just a few minutes of brisk walking—to your bus stop or from your car to your office—will energize you!



Did you know?

Drinking more water can give you an energy boost: Many of us are slightly dehydrated, causing fatigue!

(Woman's World)

WE NEED YOUR ARTICLE!

If you have something that you would like to share, please submit your article to the VCRA Newsletter. Our next publication will be in the Winter of 2009.

Deadline for submission is November 1, 2009. Please email your articles to executivedirectorcb@cox.net.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR



LIVING WILL



Last night my sister and I were sitting in the den and I said to her, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle to keep me alive. That would be no quality of life at all...If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

So she got up, unplugged the computer, and threw out my wine. She's such a *itch.

NCSA Annual Meeting

EDUCATION IN SERVICE

I had the opportunity to attend a National Committee of State Association (NCSA) meeting held in conjunction with the National Court Reporters Association Annual Convention which took place August 5 – 9, 2009 at the Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Not being familiar with NCSA and its function, it proved to be a grand buffet of leadership and educational training.

NCSA is a committee that acts as a liaison or conduit between the state associations and NCRA. The annual meeting that takes place a day before the NCRA Convention seminars is a forum that allows your state leaders to gather and discuss issues that affect the Court Reporting profession and suggest proposals for improvements.

I was privy to the inner workings of the governance of our profession. Resolutions were proposed, and Delegates from various state associations who attended had a voice and vote in the approval or rejection of proposed Resolutions. For example, through our

democratic and parliamentary process, a Resolution that “NCRA add the RPR’s Written Knowledge Test to the CRR test and remove the requirement that passing the RPR be a prerequisite for taking the CRR test” was voted on and it failed to pass. The rationale was, we did not want the CRR test to replace the RPR test, and hence we voted it down. The Resolutions that were passed will now be presented by NCSA on behalf of the associations to the NCRA Board of Directors for their consideration.

After the NCSA Resolutions session, we split up into Breakout Groups to discuss hot topics and to brainstorm solutions. Each group was to select one or two of the questions brought for discussion and to share their group’s approach in addressing the questions. My group chose the question “How can NCSA improve interaction between NCRA and the state leaders?” One of our suggestions; have one member from your state association board designated so items that need immediate response goes to that person, someone knowledgeable like an immediate past president.

By attending the NCSA meeting, I was educated on the critical role our State Associations play in addressing concerns and issues we as Court Reporters voice to them, how they in turn present through proposed resolutions to NCSA who then in turn forward those which are adopted on to NCRA’s Board of Directors, giving them direction and guidance in formulating and approving policies and procedures that ultimately result in Court Reporting standards of operation we practice under.

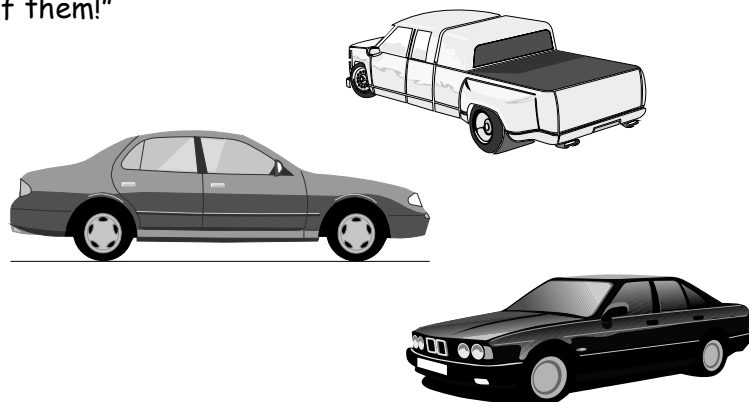
Service is an important part of the Court Reporting experience. I encourage you to stay connected, maintain your membership in your State Association, and get involved, all in the spirit of supporting, preserving and protecting this unique profession.



(Submitted by Lois Boyle, RMR)

Tell Me This Won't Happen To Us!"

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"



Voice Writer Corner

The weekend of October 24-25, 2009, is NVRA testing time in Herndon, Virginia, at the lovely Crowne Plaza Hotel. Along with the basic workshop on Saturday and the CVR-CM testing on Sunday, there will be CE seminars offered on Saturday. This is a great way to get needed CE credits.

The morning sessions will be given over to general topics, possibly to include financial planning in these troubled times, acupuncture and personal care, a presentation from the Fairfax Bar Association, or a presentation from the office of the Clerk of Court of Fairfax County.

The afternoon will cover technology, and the folks from the CVR workshop are invited to join us. Sessions will include an overview of basic PC functions such as desktop management, Windows settings and file management. These will be taught using the Windows XP environment.

Other sessions will focus on Word Perfect, preparing transcripts for miniscripting and key-word indexing, and how to prepare various electronic versions of transcripts to satisfy the differing needs of our clients. The emphasis will be on utilizing Windows' powerful tools to help a court reporter to work with maximum efficiency.

A continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be included, as well as an afternoon snack of freshly baked cookies. The folks who attended our last set of CE seminars at this hotel were delighted with how tasty the food was.

For more information contact either **John Kerns, Rudiger, Green & Kerns, 703.591.3136, or Anita Glover, Anita B. Glover & Associates, 703.591.3004.** The registration fee will be \$129 for members of NVRA, and \$149 for non-members.

We are known to be a friendly and interactive group, so don't worry about possibly not knowing other people who will be at the seminars. You will feel welcome! And the hotel is conveniently located right off the Dulles Toll Road in Herndon, Virginia.

(Submitted by Anita Glover & John Kerns)

TIP FROM A SOFTWARE TECHNICIAN

Irrespective of the court-reporting software you use, get in the habit of hitting **CONTROL-S**. This is a universal save feature

COURTROOM HUMOR

These are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down by court reporters who had to stay calm while these exchanges were actually taking place:

- ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?
WITNESS: I forget.
ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?
- ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?
- ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?
WITNESS: He's twenty, much like your IQ.
- ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?
WITNESS: Are you shitting me?
- ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?
WITNESS: Getting laid.
- ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: How many were boys?
WITNESS: None.
ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?
WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?
- ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?
WITNESS: By death.
ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?
WITNESS: Take a guess.

OH NO!!! THE JUDGE WANTS ME TO READ BACK—I WILL NOT LAUGH, I WILL NOT LAUGH, I will not laugh, ~~~~~!



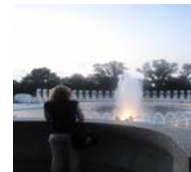
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The NCRA Annual Convention

The Gaylord National



National Harbor, Maryland



August 6 - 9, 2009



Thank you to our members who donated their time to man the VCRA table at the convention:

Lois Boyle

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Dave Stanley

Kerry Zahn

SIGHTSEEING AT THE CAPITAL (Pictures submitted by Stacey Halberg)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VCRA'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

March 12–14, 2010 at the luxurious Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia.

Don't miss out!! Hope to see all of you there.

Stay tuned to www.vcra.net for updates on the convention.

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ABOUT THE CONVENTION AT THE HOMESTEAD

March 12-14, 2010

COMING MID-SEPTEMBER

It's On The Web!
www.vcra.net

DETAILS OF THE 2010 CONVENTION AT THE HOMESTEAD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A LINK WILL BE ADDED TO OUR WEBSITE WITH AN OPTION TO DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM. DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER THIS FALL AND RECEIVE A \$25 DISCOUNT!!

Please contact Colette Boes at executivedirectorcb@cox.net or (757) 646-3294 for more information.

NCRA TESTING

October 5-17, 2009

NCRA Written Knowledge Tests

Locations: Pearson VUE Professional Centers
Registration: August 3–September 16, 2009
Registration Fee: \$175 for reporters, \$140 for students
REGISTER AT www.ncraonline.com.

November 7, 2009

NCRA Skills Tests

Locations: NCRA-sponsored testing sites
Registration: August 3–September 16, 2009
Registration Fee: \$160 for reporters, \$125 for students

Please note that NCRA testing will continue to be offered in Virginia Beach and Richmond, but not in Northern Virginia.



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