



# Virginia Reporter

Virginia Court Reporters Association

Volume 7, Issue 1

## Testing Time

The weekend of March 8 & 9, 2008, is testing time in Fairfax, VA. Along with the basic workshop on Saturday and the testing on Sunday there will be CE seminars on Saturday. These seminars are a great way to get some CE credits.

David Hirsch, Esquire, will give us an overview of the importance of codes of ethics for attorneys and court reporters and of the practical aspects of adhering to a code of ethics. Robert Marsh, Court Administrator, Circuit Court

of Prince William County, will give us an overview and insights into the administration of a circuit court. The Honorable Stewart P. Davis, Judge, General District Court of Fairfax County, will give us a briefing on the considerations and the processes behind the effort to certify or register court reporters in Virginia. Judge Davis sits on the committee appointed by the Virginia Supreme Court to address this issue.

The afternoon will be given over to technology. The first session will be a brief overview of the basic

PC functions. Topics will include desktop management, Windows settings, and file management. This will be taught using the Windows XP environment. The last session will be focused on WordPerfect. There will be a brief overview of the transition from DOS to windows. The major emphasis will be on utilizing the many features of WordPerfect to allow a court reporter to get maximum efficiency from this powerful tool.

Please plan to attend.

Submitted by: Anita Glover  
gloveranita@cs.com

## Inside this issue:

<i>Classifieds</i>	2
<i>Fun Briefs</i>	3
<i>Did You Know</i>	3
<i>Testifying In Court</i>	4

## Goodbye VCRA

Spring time always seems to bring changes, and there is no exception here at VCRA. After five and a half years, much thought and consideration, I will be stepping down as Executive Director of VCRA and Bethany will be stepping down as Publications/CCR Director effective March 31, 2008. We really enjoyed working with all of you, but we want to be able to devote more time to us as a family and to

our wonderful son, Samuel. We will always be thankful for the time you have allowed us to serve you and hope that everyone was pleased with the work we have done.

Colette Boes will be our replacement; the VCRA Board worked very hard to find her. Make sure she feels welcomed and if you would like to contact her, her email address is:

[executivedirectorcb@cox.net](mailto:executivedirectorcb@cox.net). Colette will be at the upcoming convention, so you will have a chance to introduce yourself.

We appreciate everyone and thank you again for the great opportunity and growing experience it has been to work with the Virginia Court Reporters Association and its members.

Brian and Bethany Coleman

## Up Coming Events:

VCRA's Annual Meeting and Convention -  
March 14 -16, 2008 at the Woodlands Hotel and Suites in  
Williamsburg, VA.

October 11, 2008 - 9th Annual Fall Education Day at the Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA

## Classifieds

Date Posted: Feb 14, 2008

\$56,438.64 (mid)

801-238-7040

Third District Court is seeking a certified shorthand reporter who is proficient in computer-aided transcription, has a working knowledge of CIC (computer integrated courtroom) and is real time capable. This is a full-time position with overtime occasionally required. All equipment and supplies are provided by the state including state-of-the-art writers, computers, and software.

**POSITION LOCATED:** Third District Court, Salt Lake City, UT. Assignment involves working in a pooling arrangement with other court reporters.

**STEPS/SALARY RANGE:** Negotiable, based upon skill certification and experience.  
CIC proficient: \$40,778.64 (min) - \$52,032.96 (mid)  
CRR Certification: \$45,434.88 (min) -

**BENEFITS:** Generous employer-paid benefits including ample vacation and sick leave, retirement and 401K programs, family medical and dental insurance, employee life and long-term disability insurance.

**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled.

**APPLICATION:** May be downloaded at [www.utcourts.gov](http://www.utcourts.gov) or picked up at 450 South State St., Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241

**SUBMIT APPLICATION, RESUME AND COPY OF CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER LICENSE TO:**


Bunny Neuenschwander  
Managing Court Reporter  
Third District Court  
450 South State St.  
Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241

The Utah State Courts is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The courts comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting unlawful discrimination, and provide reasonable accommodation to disabled individuals as required by the ADA.

**Reminder:**  
**This Saturday, March 8, make sure you remember to change your clocks ahead an hour.**



**Hart**  
**REPORTING, INC.**



We have an opening for a full-time stenographic court reporter in the Harrisonburg/Charlottesville area. This is a beautiful area of Virginia to live and raise a family. It's less hectic than the larger cities in the state; yet we have great work and friendly clients. We cover all areas of reporting, including classroom CART. All production is done in-house, which allows you to concentrate on reporting. We handle all printing, binding, copying exhibits, invoicing, and the signature process so you can move on to your next job.  
Payment is up front, twice a month.

***Sign-on bonus or help with moving expenses available in exchange for long-term commitment.***

If you are interested in this opportunity, please call Karen at (540) 801-0288 or you may e-mail inquiries to [karen@hartreporting.com](mailto:karen@hartreporting.com)

## MEDICAL TERMS MADE EASY

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS: D-D

RISKS AND BENEFITS: RIX

MUSCULOSKELETAL: MAOULT

AMBULATORY: BLOIR

HEART RATE: HA\*IT

BASELINE: BLAIOIN

MEDICAL CERTAINTY: MERNT

PHYSICAL PROBLEMS: FOBS

STANDARD OF CARE: STARD

STANDARDS OF CARE: STARDZ

BLOOD PRESSURE: BLAOP

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE: HAOIB

BLOOD CLOT: BLAOT

HEART DISEASE: HAOEZ

CAT SCAN: SKA\*N

SPINAL CORD: SPORD

BLOOD SUGAR: BLAOG

COLONOSCOPY: KLOPS

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY: FLA\*M

FOLLOW-UP: FO\*P

FOLLOW UP: FOP

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN: PIZ

RANGE OF MOTION: ROMS

## GREAT BRIEFS FOR OBJECTIONS

OBJECT TO THE FORM: ORM

OBJECT TO THE FORM OF THE QUESTION: ORMT

JOIN THE OBJECTION: JOIGS

SAME OBJECTION: SAIGS

SPECULATION: SPLAIGS

SPECULATE: SPLAIT

VAGUE AND AMBIGUOUS: VU\*S

MOVE TO STRIKE: MAOK

STRIKE THAT: STRAK (define to include period and a paragraph)

REPEAT THE QUESTION: PA-OECH

REPHRASE: RA\*IZ

LEGAL CONCLUSION: LAOUGS

OVERBROAD: VAUD

DOCUMENT SPEAKS FOR IT-SELF: DAOETS

INSTRUCT THE WITNESS NOT TO ANSWER: STRANS

INSTRUCT YOU NOT TO ANSWER: STRUNS

ATTORNEY/CLIENT: TAOINT

ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: TAOIF

LACK OF FOUNDATION: LAFGS

## Did You Know?

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

Your eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

If you are an average American, in your whole life you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

## Virginia Court Reporters Association

253 West Bute Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510  
Office Phone: 757-461-1984  
Fax: 757-461-5454

We're on the Web!!!

[www.vcra.net](http://www.vcra.net)



## Testifying In Court

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the policeman's credibility...

Q: 'Officer, did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer, who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then, officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes, sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on

your locker?'

A: 'Yes, sir.'

Q: 'Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir, we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom erupted in laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's 'Best Comeback' line, and we think he'll win!