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## MEANWHILE...



## WASHINGTON COURT REPORTERS UNITE!

Registration is OPEN for WCRA's spring seminar.

### Defenders of the Record: Legendary Superheroes

Our lineup features speakers sure to inspire and bring out the inner superhero in you.

**EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 1, 2023**


Our vendor setup will be more of "book fair" vibe with items for you to see and order. We've curated a variety of steno and local goodies to shop. Many vendors have donated raffle prizes.



Come mingle with your fellow reporters and students for a day of fun celebrating court reporting and continuing your education.

**IN PERSON** \$125 before 4/1  
\$145 after 4/1  
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**STUDENTS** \$25 (scholarship available)  
**ASSOCIATE** \$75 before 4/1 and \$95 after 4/1  
**ASSOCIATE REMOTE** \$95 after 4/1 and \$105 after 4/1

**WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN NEXT?!**




**DOM TURSI**

HISTORY OF SHORTHAND AND EVOLUTION OF MACHINE SHORTHAND.

USING THE TEN EPOCHS OF SHORTHAND, THIS LECTURE TAKES YOU ON A JOURNEY INTO THE 5,000-YEAR EVOLUTION OF THE SHORTHAND PROFESSION.

THE ENTIRE LECTURE IS PEPPERED WITH FACTOIDS ABOUT KEY INVENTORS.


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**CHRISTIE LEATIOTA, RDR, CRR, CCR, CRC AND ERIN DUNCAN, RMR, CRR, CCR, CRC**

A CAREER AS AN OFFICIAL IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

THESE ENERGETIC AND POSITIVE OFFICIALS WILL DETAIL THEIR VERY DIFFERENT PATHS TO SUPERIOR COURT. THEY WILL ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS AND EXPLAIN THE PERKS OF BEING AN OFFICIAL, SO YOU CAN DETERMINE IF THIS MIGHT BE THE RIGHT PLACE FOR YOU!




**MICHAEL HENSLEY, RDR**

FEAR NO TECHNO

YOU MAY HAVE THE BELIEF THAT IT IS TOO "OVERWHELMING" TO INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY INTO YOUR EVERYDAY PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE. IN THIS SEMINAR, MICHAEL WILL SHATTER THOSE LIMITATIONS AND OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE WAYS YOU CAN EASILY AND EFFECTIVELY MAKE TECHNOLOGY WORK FOR YOU!

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**CHARLIE SWIFT, ESQ.**

KNOW BEFORE YOU SPEAK

CHARLIE WILL ADDRESS THE BASICS OF EFFECTIVELY PRESENTING A MESSAGE. HE WILL WORK WITH THE GROUP TO DEVELOP TALKING POINTS CONCERNING THE COURT REPORTING SHORTAGE AND THE DANGERS OF RELYING ON DIGITAL COURT REPORTING.

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**COURT REPORTER**

IN PERSON	\$125* / \$145
VIRTUAL	\$145* / \$165

**STUDENT**

IN PERSON	\$25 / \$25
VIRTUAL	\$25 / \$25

**INSTRUCTOR / ASSOCIATE**

IN PERSON	\$75* / \$95
VIRTUAL	\$95* / \$105

**BAM!**

**APRIL 15, 2023 AGENDA**

8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION
8:45-9:00	JEN POLLINO - WCRA PRESIDENT'S WELCOME
9:00-10:30	HISTORY/EVOLUTION OF MACHINE SHORTHAND
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-11:45	A CAREER AS AN OFFICIAL IN SNOHOMISH CO.
11:45-1:00	LUNCH / SCHOLARSHIPS / WCRA LOBBYIST
1:00-2:30	FEAR NO TECHNO
2:30-2:45	BREAK
2:45-3:45	KNOW BEFORE YOU SPEAK
3:45-4:45	STUDENT POWER HOUR (NO CEUS)

NEW IN-PERSON LOCATION: GREEN RIVER COLLEGE-SALISH HALL.

VIRTUAL: THE SEMINAR MUST BE VIEWED LIVE FOR NCRA CEUS.

FOR WA CEUS, THE SEMINAR MAY BE DOWNLOADED OR VIEWED LIVE.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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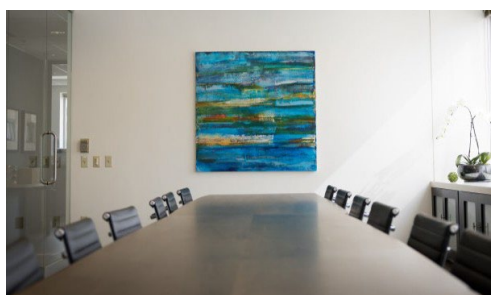


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# Washington Court Reporters Association Goes to Washington, D.C.

By Angela Sidener, RPR

Washington Court Reporters Association sent its President Jennifer Pollino and Vice President Angela Sidener to Washington, D.C., to attend leadership training and boot camp for lobbying on Capitol Hill.

As individual constituents and representatives of WCRA, we were able to meet with staff from Senator Patty Murray and Senator Maria Cantwell's offices. On the House side, we met with staff from Rep. Rick Larsen's office. Each of their offices received our materials and welcomed us to keep an open dialogue about issues important to our profession.

Without a doubt, our trip brought back results. Court reporters across the country spent the day advocating for a sponsor for the introduction of the Training For Realtime Writers Act in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO) stepped forward to champion this bill, but NCRA is still looking for a Republican co-sponsor before it's introduced. If funding is authorized again, we're hopeful more students can enroll in Green River College's bachelor's program to usher a new generation of court reporters and closed-captioners into the workforce.

Washington is so fortunate to have such a strong and supportive association to be able to afford these opportunities. Professional development is an investment in the future, and the rewards create a ripple that lasts a lifetime.

Jen and I have had a debriefing after this whirlwind trip, and we both agree we come away grateful. We thank you for sending us. It was an experience we'll cherish forever. We'll use the tools we learned to build on the effective leadership of the past and hopefully inspire others to step into executive positions with confidence that that sound foundation has been maintained.

Photos from around Capitol Hill: [top] Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)  
[bottom] Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)



2023 Court Reporter  
National Hill Day

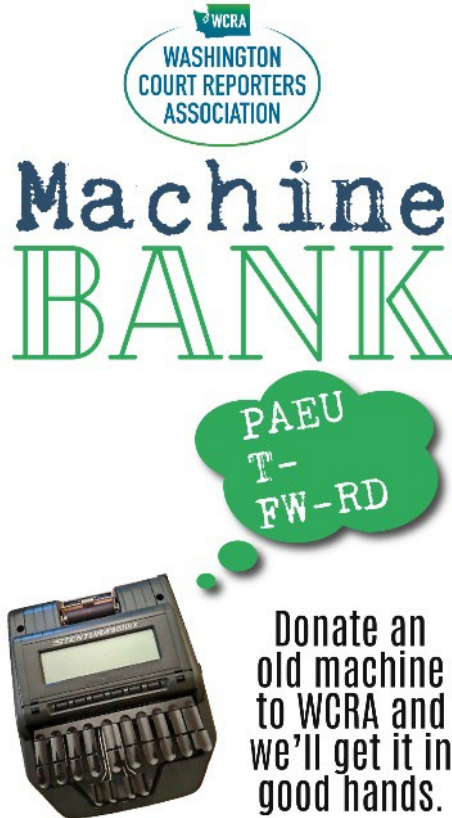
WCRA in Washington, D.C.



We aim to

- Educate
- Advocate
- Stay Informed
- Be Part of the Solution





## See Your Return on Investment

Washington Court Reporters Association started a machine bank in 2022 with the goal of breaking down barriers to entry into this challenging, yet rewarding, profession. We've been able to connect four individuals with writers to begin training and have more available as prospective students reach out.

WCRA led NCRA A to Z Discover Steno class is starting March 18, 2023, with both in-person and virtual participants accommodated. Classes are Saturdays from 10-11am at Spokane Public Library, Shadle branch Meeting Room B, and on Zoom. This is a free 6-week course designed to introduce the steno alphabet and reinforce practicing in preparation for enrollment in an accredited scholastic program. We have five participants signed up.

Do you have an extra machine sitting in the corner of your office or tucked away in a closet? Even if it needs repairs, we'd be happy to get it serviced and in circulation with new professionals! Bring it to Green River College on April 15, 2023, when you attend our spring seminar.

Spread the word! We're interested in scheduling another introduction to steno class this summer, so have prospects email [info@washingtontcourtreporters.org](mailto:info@washingtontcourtreporters.org) for more information.

## Washington State Legislative Update

By Elizabeth Harvey, FAPR, CCR, RPR

March 8 was the cutoff date to pass bills out of their house of origin in the current legislative session. The bills that survived that process now go to the other chamber for a vote.

One bill that we have followed is [HB1301](#). This bill creates a sunset review provision for all professional licenses. The law is structured for each professional license to be reviewed every five years. The Department of Licensing can decide to keep the current status, in which case nothing happens. If they feel there should be a change in the licensing/certification standards, they will make that recommendation to the legislature for further action. This bill died in previous sessions, but this year it passed the House unanimously. We have concerns about this bill because should DOL decide to recommend changes to our certification and the law is then opened up for amendment in the legislature, we know that digital recording interests will argue either to accept electronic recording as well or to discontinue any form of regulation at all.

While the bill does have notification language, notification of review is only required to be given to "the relevant board or commission." Since we have neither, we could conceivably be unaware of the review process. After consulting with Krystelle, we have requested that language be added to require all licensees to be notified directly. Both the sponsor of the original bill in the House and DOL support the change.

Click the photo to watch the testimony.







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# Altruism Scholarship

## Due Date

March 31, 2023

## What

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## Who

Court Reporting Students in good standing at NCRA-accredited institutions, writing at least 140 wpm

## When

Scholarships will be presented at the WCRA Spring Seminar held at Green River College on April 15, 2023

## To apply:

- ☐ Complete the Scholarship Application found on the WCRA website under "Student Resources"
- ☐ 2 letters of recommendation
  - Maximum 1 page each
  - Cannot be from a court reporting instructor
- ☐ Essay
  - 1 page, double-spaced
  - Prompt:  
"How is giving back to your community important to you now and in the future as a court reporter/captioner/CART provider?"
- ☐ Submit all materials via email to the WCRA scholarship committee:  
[sierra.zanghi@gmail.com](mailto:sierra.zanghi@gmail.com)

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<https://www.washingtoncourtreporters.org/student-resources>





# 2023 Altruism Scholarship Application

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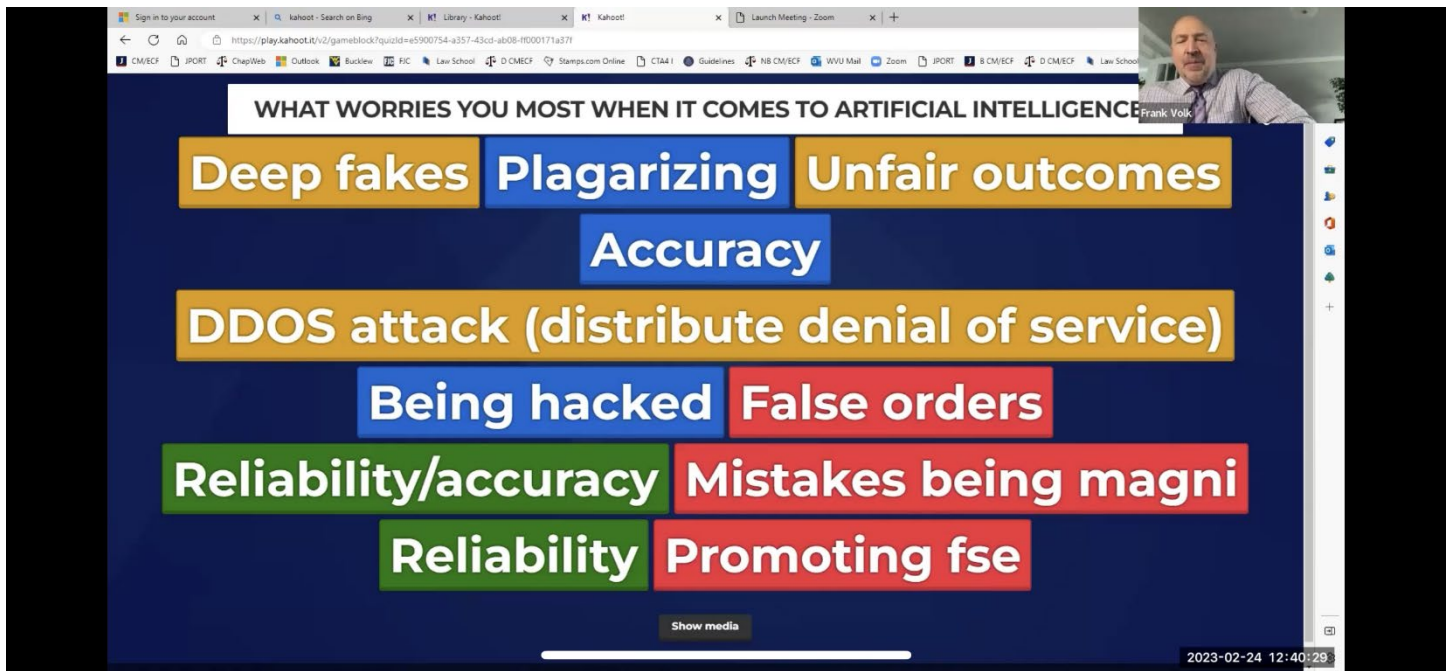
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## Berkley Judicial Institute's Webinar on Technology in the Courts

**Judge Frank Volk, US District Judge for Southern District of West Virginia**  
**Judge Scott Schlegel, District Court Judge in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana**

A sword, a shield, and a challenge is how Judge Volk sees technology in the judicial system, and he introduces the foremost judicial technology expert, Judge Schlegel, to discuss advancements and limitations in the current semi-virtual world we're all living in. They discuss the physical nature of technology scaling up through the pandemic and the infrastructure necessary to utilize the capabilities of the devices that rely on solid bandwidth in order to be accessible.

Judge Schlegel offers practical tips for modernizing your office and courtrooms. He shares his Tech Stack, where he streamlines the workflow to make tasks easier for him and his staff to coordinate. Worth the watch for keeping up with the conversation and seeing our courts as less of a building and more of a service.

### Our Tech Stack

Products currently in use

### These products help us...

- Communicate effectively
- Improve the court's website
- Automate scheduling
- Create content

### Other topics to cover:

- Specific projects that are currently being used
- Alternative products



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## **Elsa Sjunneson is one of Seattle's 25 most influential people reshaping our region. #mostinfluential - Seattle Mag**

By Angela Sidener, RPR

**Welcome to Snark-Land**, her website greets visitors, followed by an introduction fitting the extraordinary myriad of distinguished credits and qualities that follow :

"Hi, I'm Dame Elsa Sjunneson of the Order of the Bat. Or at least that's one way I like to put my name out there. I'm a professor, historian, media critic, author and editor. I'm also Deafblind."

Dame Elsa's powerful work opens the door to conversations that make change, because she's willing to tell the stories that speak to our souls. The theme of inclusion and advocacy are her life's work, and from that foundation, she's built a successful writing and speaking career to share a piece of her mind with us. Did I mention she's a fencer too?

From her bio, " Elsa Sjunneson is an award winning Deafblind author and editor living in Seattle, Washington. Her fiction and nonfiction writing has been praised as "eloquence and activism in lockstep" and has been published in dozens of venues around the world. **In 2022, her book *Being Seen* won the Washington State Book Award for biography and memoir.** She has been a Hugo Award finalist nine times, and has won three Hugo awards, an Aurora Award, and a BFA award for her editorial work."

Praise for *Being Seen*, *"A much-needed wake-up call for the nondisabled world."*

—Kirkus Reviews



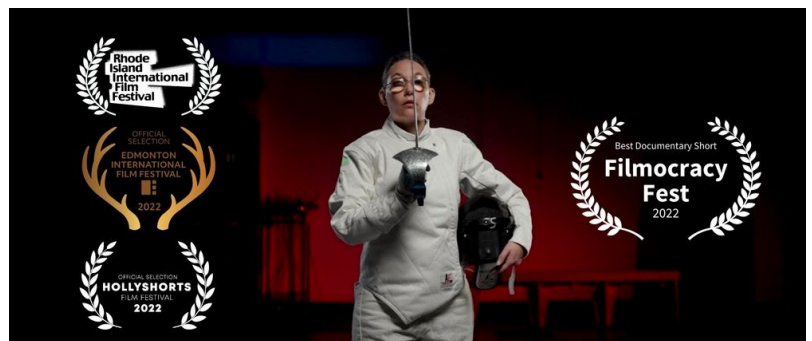
"When she isn't writing, Sjunneson works to dismantle structural ableism and rebuild community support for disabled people everywhere. "

In addition to *Being Seen: One Deafblind Woman's Fight to End Ableism*, Elsa's work includes the following:

*Assassin's Creed: Valhalla* Sword of the White Horse  
Episode for Radiolab "The Helen Keller Exorcism."

*"Elsa's work resonates for me because it sings the things my heart screams."*

— SUMMER PLUM



### **How test-takers can increase chances of passing by testing when they feel ready ~**

*CertifyNow* was developed with NYSCRA members in mind who might likely be motivated to attain credentials simply by making an appointment. *CertifyNow* provides multiple opportunities for members to test when they *feel ready* and pursue their professional certifications. Scheduling tests without conforming to pre-determined dates will eliminate elusive long-term planning.

Even for top-performing reporters realtime tests are challenging. But research shows that consistent attempts to test are associated with higher chances of passing; consequently, lack of consistency in testing are possible obstacles to passing. With frequent opportunities to certify, much emphasis is placed on focused writing and working towards building an effective realtime dictionary. Even practicing for tests improves translation and can result in an exponential benefit of improving translation, which ultimately could lead to attaining some highly coveted credentials.

### **How to prepare for the Realtime Certified Reporter exam ~**

Using a systematic approach of alternating practice speeds above the goal test speed is recommended to help overcome test anxiety. Practicing at the goal test speed for accuracy. For these reasons, many reporters find this type of routine to be helpful. It reacquaints muscle memory and readies a mindset for the pace of timed material. By repeating the same dictation material over and over can also be a helpful tool as well. During practice, instead of dropping when falling behind, try writing even one syllable stroke to account for every word spoken. This confidence builder also helps dictionary building by defining mis-strokes.

### **How to maximize your chances of passing the Realtime Certified Reporter exam ~**

Members can test frequently during their calendar base-year period by taking advantage of the NYSCRA *Retake My Exam* policy. The base-year period begins from the first test date in our new *CertifyNow* program.

If an unfavorable grade is received and the test-taker is retaking the RCR exam, discounted fees will be applied in the base period. After the one-year period is over, testers may test again beginning at the current standard fee, after which discounted fees will again be applied. If a test-taker does not receive a favorable grade, it is suggested to order a review of their test paper to know which areas need to be resolved before retesting. Review of test papers are available for a fee.

In Phase 1 of the *CertifyNow* program, test-takers are limited to retaking the RCR two additional times. Phase 2 is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2021, and testers will have additional opportunities to certify.

### **How learning scientific breathing techniques can quell test anxiety ~**

Read how NYSCRA's relaxation expert, Jeffrey Migdow, M.D., explains the science behind stress and anxiety and how are mental tension is fueled by the flight-or-fight response. Learn how the breath can truly control the nervous system [here](#). Dr. Migdow's relaxation recordings created for test-taking anxiety are available [here](#).





## 2023 SPRING CONFERENCE

### DOMINICK “DOM” TURSI

Following 60 years of full-time court reporting, in September 2021 Dom Tursi retired. He had nearly three reporting careers. He reported in federal court his last 25 years. For the preceding 15 years, he was a freelance reporter and principal, with offices on both coasts of the United States, Hong Kong and in London. He reported assignments worldwide, from Cairo to The Philippines. Dom's first 20 years were as an official reporter in the New York State court system-Long Island.



One of the first East Coast reporters ever to use a computer for transcription, he wrote realtime as early as 1985. Dom is one of the first reporters to internationally telecommunicate steno, delivering 36 running days of daily copy in Hong Kong with no onsite assist – in 1988!

Founder, director, and instructor at the Verbatim School of Court Reporting for more than a decade, many of his graduates continue to populate deposition suites and courtrooms. Dom has served as an expert witness to reporting groups and law firms, as a computer consultant to several companies, and was part of Stenograph's CaseCatalyst and CaseView development teams. He has authored numerous monographs for NCRA and for federal and state associations.

He has lectured on shorthand history to associations and civic groups throughout America, in China and in Belgium, and speaks to numerous elementary and high school classes yearly as part of USDC Judge Bianco's civics program.

He is past president of both the United States Court Reporters Association and the New York State Court Reporters Association and is recipient of New York's Distinguished Service Award. He is a Fellow of The Incorporated Phonographic Society of London, the world's oldest organization of shorthand writers, and in 2015 received the prestigious Santo J. Aurelio Award for Altruism from NCRF.

His reporting credentials include being three-time NY State Shorthand Speed Contest Champion (Perfect Paper, 280 wpm Q&A), and World Shorthand Speed Champion (300 wpm Q&A, 5 minutes, 24 errors) in 1981 – a record still unbroken.

He created two reporting think tanks to examine issues in the world of reporting and designed The Cicero Forum – a program that teaches the practical aspects of the profession to new and novice reporters, giving them practical working skills before starting their careers.

In September 2010 Dom opened The Gallery of Shorthand in the lobby of the federal courthouse in Central Islip, NY. It has received international recognition. And in 2015 he authored The Legends of Shorthand – a look at the pivotal people responsible for the evolution of the timeless profession of shorthand. A shorthand historian, Dom currently is a teacher, presenter, author, mentor, and the 2021-22 President of the NYS Court Reporters Association.



## HISTORY OF SHORTHAND

Using the Ten Epochs of Shorthand, this lecture describes the 5,000-year evolution of the shorthand profession. Epoch I traces the literacy of civilizations, beginning with creation of writing by the Sumerians in 3500 BC and the Egyptians in 3100 BC.

The journey continues with Epoch II, the creation of shortened forms of writing in China (207 BC). Epoch II focuses on creation and use of the first system of shorthand by Italy's Cicero in 63 BC. Epoch IV describes the abolition of shorthand during the Dark Ages, followed by renewed interest about 700 years later. In Epoch V, some 400 years later, relates shorthand's revival, which led to 250 years of shorthand development by the Masters of Shorthand.

The presentation proceeds to revolutionary shorthand inventions by little-known Phineas Bailey, then Isaac Pitman and John Robert Gregg, in Epoch VI, and then shorthand's proliferation through Europe, in Epoch VII. Epoch VIII describes the spread of shorthand in America and then morphs into machine shorthand in Epoch IX. Epoch X, titled Shorthand in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, speaks to embracing computerization and creating text from shorthand, with modern-day applications.

## EVOLUTION OF MACHINE SHORTHAND

This presentation is an expansion of Epoch IX. It begins with an explanation of early attempts to create a mechanized shorthand device, in the early 1800s in France, Germany, and Italy. It proceeds to describe some 50 shorthand machines around the world, underscoring "The Important Three" in America, and paying tribute to the earliest practical machines – in England and Italy.

Growth of shorthand machines in the early 1900s is punctuated by development of the Stenograph company and its importance to machine shorthand.

Machine keyboards from around the world are compared. Time is spent describing the reasons for, and those involved in, creating the first computerized steno machine. The background of paperless keyboard writers and evolution of instant-translating machines rounds out the presentation.

This entire lecture is peppered with factoids about key inventors.

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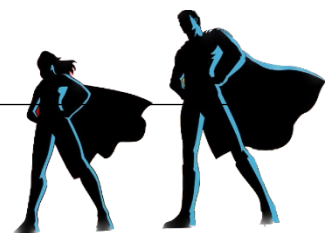
**ERIN DUNCAN, WA CCR, RMR, CRR, CRC CHRISTIE LEATIOTA, WA CCR, RDR, CRR, CRC**

## A CAREER AS AN OFFICIAL IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY



Erin Duncan is a former live captioner who had practically no experience in the legal field but was ready for a fun new challenge in court. Christie Leatiota started freelancing after finishing school and then made the leap to Superior Court after a year and a half taking depositions. They will both give an introduction to working as official court reporters in Snohomish County Superior Court, including an overview of daily life in the courthouse – the good, the bad, and the ugly.

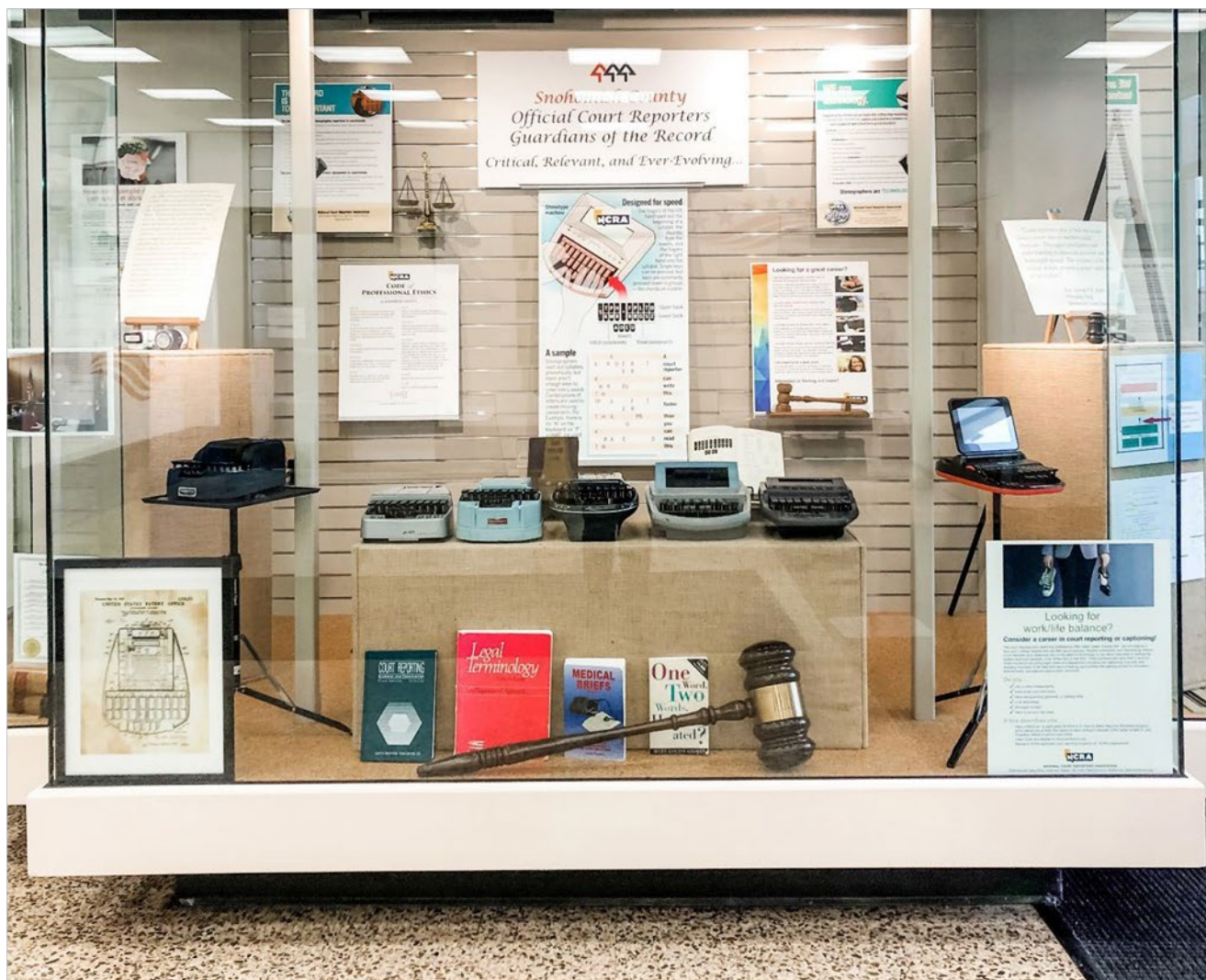
These energetic and positive officials will detail their very different paths to Superior Court, and they will be available to answer all of your questions and explain the perks of being an official, so you can determine if this might be the right place for YOU!





# **Snohomish County** Washington **Superior Court**

## February 2023 Courthouse Display



**W o W !!!**

**Officials in Snohomish County Superior Court curated this display for public viewing in their courthouse for the month of February. What an amazing contribution to the profession to spotlight stenographers and the excellent career opportunities that are available.**



**Thank you for sharing this with your community and WCRA to inspire your colleagues!**

**LATER ON...**

## **MICHAEL HENSLEY, RDR**

Mike Hensley, RDR, is a freelance deposition reporter from Irvine, California. He is a leader of the new generation of court reporters, having completed his entire schooling remotely and online.

Despite being young within the profession, Mike has worked hard to achieve goals that are highly valuable in the industry. His greatest achievement is obtaining RDR certification within the first five years of being a court reporter. He has also covered a wide array of proceeding types including complex technical, pharmaceutical, and intellectual property cases while providing realtime transcripts to those clients.



Technology provides for some of his greatest thrills, and he has a strong passion for inspiring and teaching others to develop new skills and abilities in many aspects of the court reporting trade. His energy and enthusiasm are infectious and will inspire seminar audiences to seize the day and turn their dream goals into realities.

### **FEAR NO TECHNO**

You may have the belief, or some similarly limiting idea, that it's "too overwhelming" to integrate technology into your everyday personal or professional practice. In this seminar, we will shatter those limitations and open your eyes to the ways you can easily and effectively make technology work for you and not against you so that you can become your very own tech wizard and finally "work smarter, not harder."

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## **CHARLIE SWIFT, ESQ.**



Charles Swift is the Criminal Department Head of Constitutional Law Center for Muslims in America ("CLCMA"). He has more than 28 years of experience as a criminal defense attorney, first as a Navy JAG, then in private practice. Since 2014, he has been exclusively practicing federal criminal defense at CLCMA. Charles is most known for winning the U.S. Supreme Court case *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* for his client, Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a Guantanamo detainee. Following his military career, Charles was a visiting professor and head of the Humanitarian Law Clinic at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, before leaving to enter private practice in Seattle. He has been a regular contributor on the topics of military law and terrorism for national news programs including MSNBC, CNBC, CNN, NPR, and Fox News. He has received numerous awards for his advocacy, including recognition as a Distinguished Alumnus at Seattle University School of Law, ACLU's Roger Baldwin Medal for Distinguished Service, and was runner-up for Lawyer of the Year in 2005 as well as being named by National Law Review as one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in 2006 by the National Law Journal.

### **TALKING TO THE MEDIA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU SPEAK.**

Charlie Swift will address the basics of effectively presenting a message in a media interview, including story composition, interview formats, and talking points. In the second half of the presentation, Charlie will work with the group to develop talking points concerning the court reporter shortage and the dangers of relying on digital court reporting.



# Interested in Leadership?

By Angela Sidener, RPR

**Serving in leadership is simply a commitment to contribute towards the well-being of your association. The magic formula to success is showing up and participating!**

While some leadership conferences may seem intimidating and attendees are overwhelmed at the prospect of committing to a term, I'd like to dispel some of those preconceptions and let you know your WCRA board is a welcoming place for all to serve.

There's room for all types. Some may have more dynamic skills in speaking or writing, while others contribute academically with research and institutional knowledge. We all rely heavily on those who provide creative content and organize our events. One thing we know: The association operates best when the work is shared.

I never imagined I'd be serving as a vice president of anything when I went to court reporting school. But over the years, I've been inspired by those currently doing the job and decided I better take my turn. I've been a director in Virginia's association for two terms and previously served as an area director in Washington, but I always felt like that was as much responsibility as I could handle.

I like to volunteer and attend meetings, but I'm such an introvert, the prospect of all eyes being on me at a convention is terrifying. Then I thought, "If I can read back in a courtroom full of people, I can speak in front of my colleagues," but if I pass out in front of you all from nerves, I guess we'll know I'm not really cut out for this. I joke. I was brought on with open arms into WCRA's leadership and have had a wonderful team of colleagues helping me along the way.

**WCRA is accepting nominees to the 2023-2024 board of directors and have open committee positions to assign!** We'd love to hear from you. WCRA can provide the leadership training necessary so you'll feel confident in your role within the association and be proud of your service.

Please email [info@washingtoncourtreporters.org](mailto:info@washingtoncourtreporters.org) if you're open to getting involved with "Board Service" in the subject line!



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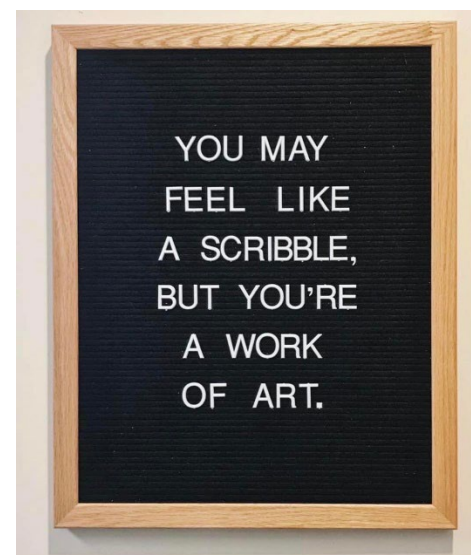
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important announcement: theres a goose who raises her babies outside of a law school and the students named her ruth bader gooseburg







# WASHINGTON

## COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

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Please return this application to the above address by (date): August 15, 2023

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**Residence**

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Your title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of business or organization \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact ( ) Work ( ) Residence

**Please list boards and committees that you serve on, or have served on** (business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, social).

Organization	Role/Title	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
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## Education/Training/Certificates

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**Optional** – Have you received any awards or honors that you'd like to mention?

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How do you feel WCRA would benefit from your involvement on the Board?

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**Skills, experience and interests** (Please circle all that apply)

Membership Committee  
 Government Relations Committee  
 Social Media Committee  
 Nonprofit experience  
 Community service  
 Policies & Procedures Committee  
 Scholarship Committee

Special events  
 Grant writing  
 Fundraising  
 Outreach, advocacy  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any groups, organizations or businesses that you could serve as a liaison to on behalf of to WCRA.

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Please tell us anything else you'd like to share.

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**Thank you for applying!**

**MacGyver** verb

Mac-Gy-ver (mə-gj-ver ◀▶)

MacGyvered; MacGyvering; MacGyvers

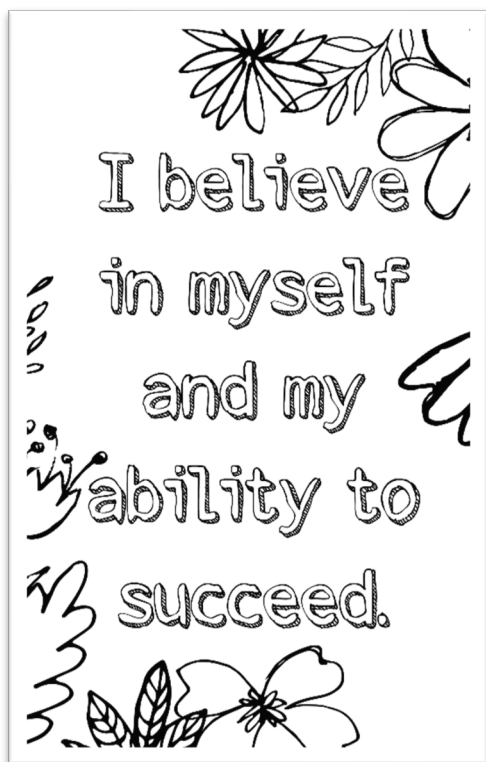
*transitive verb*

slang

: to make, form, or repair (something) with what is conveniently on hand

**Briefs**  
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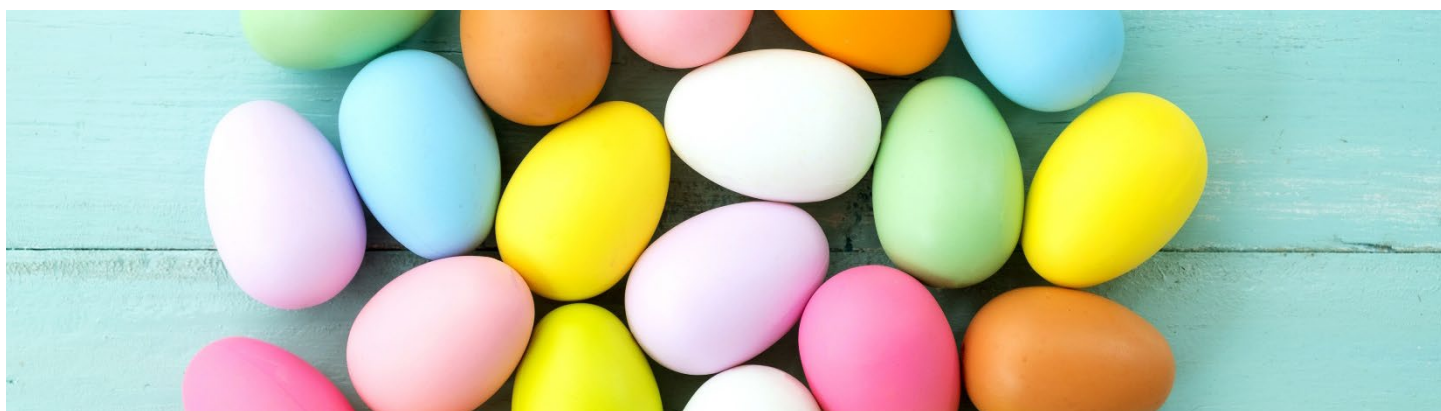


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