



**ILCRA ANNUAL CONVENTION
September 19-21, 2024**

*This is a preliminary schedule subject to change without notice.
CEU approval pending.*

Thursday, September 19, 2024

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

REALTIME CONTEST

Friday, September 20, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gary L. Sonntag Memorial SPEED CONTEST

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Convention Registration Open

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Vendor Area Open

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Navigating the Evolution: The Past, Present, and
Future of a Freelance Court Reporting Agency in
Chicago**

Rhonda Jensen, CSR, RDR, CRR

This seminar will explore the journey of a Chicago-based court reporting agency, from its very humble beginnings to becoming a leader in the field. Learn about the challenges and triumphs faced along the way and how the industry has transformed over the years. This seminar will hopefully inspire and motivate you to embrace the changes we face, strive to be the best of the best, and become a driving force in the future of court reporting.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Voice Writing: Fact or Fiction

Jannie Condley, CCR, CVR-CM, RVR

In this presentation, we will look at the history of voice writing as well as the training and certifications required. We will show the equipment we use and do a demonstration of voice writing at work.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Becoming Irresistible

Amy Doman RDR, CRR, CSR (CA/IL/TX/WA)

If you're looking for tips and tricks that will help you shine in the steno world, Amy's got some nuggets of wisdom to share. Learn some tidbits for marketing yourself, playing and working well with others, and reaching out for help to get you to your goals.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

ILCRA's President's Reception

Casino night

May lady luck be on your side and join us for a great evening of chance with play money. Dress to impress! Join Greg with the "Mad Men" theme, and prizes will be given to the big winners.

For Friday, 3.5 Illinois hours or .35 NCRA CEUs available.

Saturday, September 21, 2024

6:15 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Sunrise Stretch (No CEUs)

Andrea Jent

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ILCRA BUSINESS MEETING (No CEUs)

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Case Catalyst Training

Pam Szczecinski, NCRA & Stenograph Certified Training Agent

Discover the convenient automated features in Case Catalyst that can effortlessly track your attorney's time spent examining witnesses or engaging in proceedings. Utilize automatic insertion of start and end time fields into parentheticals, titles, and certificate pages. Acquire these valuable time management skills and more to enhance productivity and efficiency.

Eclipse Training: Tips and Tricks

Greg Weiland

Join Greg for an overview of the updated features in Eclipse, tips and tricks, and a question-and-answer session.

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Networking and Vendor Break

9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Comma Basics and the Dash Margie Wakeman Wells, CRI

We will begin with consolidating the myriad comma rules into just two categories and how doing this gives a different perspective on commas. We will then move to the three rules for the dash, working to look beyond using it for interruptions.

11:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Vendor Break & Nancy Davis Award Luncheon

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Combatting AI and Digital Reporting Tiffany Wooldridge, RPR, CCR, CRI

Empower yourself with the information needed to engage with judges, attorneys, and paralegals regarding the impact of AI and digital reporting and what they should consider when hiring a court reporter. Tiffany will share what is happening to protect the record on a national level and the ever-changing vocabulary and issues relating to artificial intelligence within the legal world. Take an active role in educating the legal community about these pitfalls to avoid by educating yourself on this subject. The issues of accuracy, privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are at stake. Take pride in being the guardians of the record and protectors of the official court record in the most ethical and legal of ways.

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Networking and Vendor Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

CSR Sunset Extension - 2024 Overview Brittan Bolin, ILCRA's Lobbyist

ILCRA's lobbyist will provide an overview of the 2024 legislative session, including the successful extension of the CSR Act, and what legislative developments we may see during the upcoming 2025 session.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Tips on how to enjoy a long career in court reporting Donna Urlaub, RPR, RMR, CRR, CLVS, CSR

55 years a stenographic reporter and still going strong! Some thoughts on longevity and staying at the top of your game regardless of age. How it's not too late to make small changes that can extend your career.

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Raffle break

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**THE PORTRAYAL OF COURT REPORTERS IN
MOVIES AND TELEVISION**

Brad Benjamin, RPR, IL CSR

This seminar will cover a brief history of court reporters' portrayal in movies and television and how today's court reporters can advocate for their profession by appearing on screen as well. That will be followed by a discussion of the filmmakers who have taken an active interest in court reporters and put them front and center.

***For Saturday, 8.5 Illinois hours or .85 NCRA CEUs available.
Total for both days, 12 Illinois hours or 1.2 NCRA CEUs available.***