

ILLINOIS COURT REPORTER ASSOCIATION'S "MARATHON" VIRTUAL SEMINAR

Friday, February 7

4:45 – 5:00 p.m. Introductions and housekeeping items for today's seminars

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Seminar 1: How we prepared the 2024 Democratic National Convention official stenographic record

April Metzler, CSR, RMR, CRR, FCRR, CRC, Realtime Systems Administrator
JoAnn Losoya, CSR, RPR, CRR

Talk about high stakes reporting! How this one-week-long assignment was prepared for, the skills and technology we used, and how you can do this too!! Celebrities, politicians and high stakes on getting everything right.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Seminar 2: Sharper Strokes: Strategies for Cleaner Writing and Editing

Andrea Jent, CSR

In the fast-paced world of court reporting, precision and efficiency are key. This seminar will explore practical methods and skills to enhance your writing speed and accuracy, without relying on hard-to-remember briefs. Whether you're a seasoned professional or new to the field, this seminar will provide actionable techniques to help you achieve cleaner, faster writing and decrease your editing time.

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Seminar 3: Contests and Certification Exams, Differences and Similarities

Donna Karoscik, RPR, RMR, CRR, RDR, FAPR

Have you ever wanted to be in a speed or realtime contest? Ever have anxiety before taking a certification test? Go behind the scenes of contests and exams. Attendees will be shown detailed descriptions of how NCRA's speed contest, realtime contest, and all skills certification exams come to be, how they're run, from creation of dictation material to announcement of the winner, with a unique perspective from both sides of the podium, both contestant and committee. We will also give suggestions on how to relieve some of the anxiety so you can take exams with confidence.

Total for Friday ONLY: 3.0 Illinois CSR Hours/ .3 NCRA CEU

Saturday, February 8

7:45 – 8:00 a.m. Introductions and housekeeping items for today's seminars

8:00– 9:30 a.m. Seminar 4: Stronger Together - The Journey to Success

Michael Scire, RPR, CMRS, FPR-C
Amber Rodriguez, RPR, CSR, FPR

Great achievements are rarely accomplished alone. FCRA thrives with the help of our committees, lobbyists, management team, and volunteers. We will share how our efforts drive our successes and growth.

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Seminar 5: RealTeam: Real Easy
Lisa Head, Jill Suttentberg

Learn the benefits of using technologies like RealTeam from both the reporter side and the scopist side. Do you need one scopist or would you benefit from a team including scopists and proofreader? What is the benefit and how you can become more efficient in your production.

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Lunch break on your own

11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Seminar 6: Early American Stenotype History: Machines, Companies, and Innovators
Kathryn Dittmeier, CRI

Understanding the tools of the trade is essential to success. Knowing our history and the inner workings of our machines help understand how things work in this profession. Vintage stenotype machines hold a fascination for many of us. In this presentation we will learn about the earliest American shorthand machines, the men who invented them, and the companies that manufactured them.

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Seminar 7: Mastering the Future: AI in the Court Reporting Profession
Mike Hensley, RDR

Unlock the potential of Artificial Intelligence in the world of court reporting with our expert-led seminar! Dive into the distinctions between true AI and mere automation and discover cutting-edge techniques and tools tailored for the court reporting industry. Learn how to safeguard sensitive information while maintaining privacy and confidentiality in your AI systems. Equip yourself with the right questions to ask vendors, ensuring your tools are secure and trustworthy.

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Seminar 8: Navigating Success with All Your Senses
Carrie Hewerdine, RPR, BCH CHt

"Navigating Success with All Your Senses" is a dynamic presentation designed to empower court reporting students with the tools and techniques to achieve peak performance. Drawing upon the presenter's 45 years of experience as a court reporter and expertise in hypnotherapy, this engaging session will explore the power of the senses, the benefits of hypnosis for court reporters, and practical strategies for enhancing focus, reducing stress, and improving overall well-being.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Seminar 9: Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

All court reporters in the State of Illinois are required to take a sexual harassment prevention training course as part of the requirements to keep the license to practice in the State of Illinois.

Total Saturday Only: 8 Illinois CSR Hours/ .80 NCRA CEU

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