



**ILCRA ANNUAL CONVENTION
Oak Brook Doubletree
Oak Brook, IL
OCTOBER 14-16, 2021**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE of Seminars

Schedule subject to change without notice. CEU approval pending.

Bet on Yourself! You Are the Gold Standard.

Thursday, October 14, 2021

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **REALTIME CONTEST**

Friday, October 15, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Gary L. Sonntag Memorial SPEED CONTEST**

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Convention Registration Open

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Vendor Area Open

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Basic CART Procedures**
(LeAnn Hibler, CSR, RMR, CRR, and
Kathryn A. Thomas, CSR, RDR, CRC)

Did you just get a remote CART services request, or are you thinking about adding CART captioning to your services required? What do you do? What do you ask? How do you

stream your CART captions? And what do you do during the job? Join two experienced, vivacious captioners as they share basic CART captioning procedures, and learn exactly how to transmit captions over a variety of platforms, using basic court reporting software.

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Networking and Vendor Break – Beverages in Exhibit Area

Refuel and reenergize with our vendors and learn about the latest advances in technology and products.

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

BEING PROACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE!!

(Cindy L. Isaacsen, CSR, RPR, NCRA Board of Directors)

Do you feel unprepared and not sure what to do when state and local government want to get rid of us? Are you prepared to fight? This will be an interactive, fun, and encouraging session about what we ALL can do to be Proactive to protect our jobs through educating our legislators, community leaders, judges, lawyers, and the general public. Being Proactive and building relationships early is much easier than being Reactive, wondering what you are going to do to save your jobs. I'll give many examples of how each one of us can assist our state boards and our state and national associations. Be prepared to laugh, be inspired, encouraged, and take some great ideas home to share with your association and other reporters.

7:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Networking and Vendor Break

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Casino Night Members Reception

Join us for a fun and exciting night of 'just for fun' casino games and networking with your peers. Come dressed up in your favorite Monte Carlo attire and remember to order your martinis "shaken not stirred." We are betting that you will have a great time. The big winner of the night will get a surprise gift from ILCRA.

For Friday, 3.0 Illinois hours or .3 NCRA CEUs available.

Saturday, October 16, 2021

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ILCRA BUSINESS MEETING (No CEUs)

Time to get energized for a great day of seminars. Prepare to be amazed and fuel up for a day of learning and networking.

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Case Catalyst Training

(Pam Szczecinski)

Join us and get some amazing insights from one of the world's best Case Catalyst trainers. Pam will show you the latest and greatest from Stenograph and help you get the most out of the tools you use daily on the job.

Eclipse Training: Work Smarter Not Harder

(Teri Gibson)

Understanding that time is money, this seminar will help you get the most out of your software and how you can best utilize it to make your life easier when on the job. Bring your machine and get tips to help you maximize your tools of the trade.

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Networking and Vendor Break – Beverages in Exhibit Area

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Solve the Mystery of the Quagmire of Voir Dire

(Richard S. Scire, RPR, and Michael A. Scire, RPR, CMRS)

Learn to write and conduct voir dire more effectively as a reporter, including writing prospective juror speaker designations in one stroke for cleaner realtime and faster editing tips. Equipment and steno machines are welcome but not necessary. (These tips can also be used for any setting with multiple speakers – depositions with multiple attorneys, county or city commission hearings, etc.)

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Advocacy and You!

(Brittan Bolin ILCRA's Lobbyist and Illinois State Representative)

We will get an update from ILCRA's new lobbyist who will discuss what is going on at the capital and how you can help advocate for your profession. Additionally, we will have a guest legislator to discuss what really moves a legislator into helping out your cause.

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Vendor Break and the Nancy Davis Award Luncheon

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Why We Practice (An Interactive Panel Discussion)

(Stephanie Battaglia, Donna Urlaub, Greg Weiland, Mary Ann Casale)

In this seminar you will hear seasoned veterans share their tips and tricks of why they practice and where it has led them, and how you, too, can join in on the action, being the best reporter/captioner you can be.

- 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Networking and Vendor Break**
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. **The Little Things That Can Make a Big Difference in your Writing**
(Donna Urlaub, RPR, RMR, CRR, CLVS, CSR)
- Donna Urlaub, the 2021 National Speed Contest champion, will share her tips for shorter writing - and why it's never too late to make small changes that can make a big difference in your steno AND your stamina. Bringing your writer is recommended.
- 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. **ILCRA SUPER ULTIMATE DICTIONARY CHALLENGE 3000**
(Winkie Clydesdale [aka Kathryn A. Thomas], CSR, RDR, CRC)
- Do you think your dictionary has it ALL? If you think you can handle the challenge, bring your laptop and machine to the ILCRA SUPER ULTIMATE DICTIONARY CHALLENGE 3000 and win big, big prizes! Contestants who come with their equipment will be chosen from the audience to "Come On Down!!" We'll see who can write CORRECTLY in realtime certain unusual words and proper names that our own game show host, Winkie Clydesdale, will read to you. Spellings will be provided, and the winner will be deemed the ULTIMATE ILCRA DICTIONARY CHALLENGE WINNER!
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction and Convention Wrap-Up

***For Saturday, 8.0 Illinois hours or .80 NCRA CEUs available.
Total for both days 11 Illinois hours or 1.1 NCRA CEUs available.***