



# Court Reporting



A Great Career -----> Starts Here

# A Tradition of Responsibility

- Profession Dates back to 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE
  - The “&” symbol we use today is one of the earliest forms of shorthand
- Throughout history, court reporters have served the public trust by maintaining accurate records of critical events.
- Today, court reporters are on the cutting edge of technology, driving advances in translating the spoken word to print.

# Court Reporting Today

- People who successfully train to become court reporters learn transferable skills and have an array of career options.
  - In the courtroom
  - Freelance reporter
  - Broadcast captioner
  - CART provider
  - Webcaster

# In the Courtroom

- Work as a government employee, for a private company or own your own business
- Be a 'witness to history' as the Guardian of the Record
- Serve an integral role in the legal profession with key responsibilities both inside and outside the courtroom

# Freelance Reporter

- Hired by attorneys, corporations, unions, associations and other individuals and groups
- Provide accurate, complete, and secure records of pretrial depositions, arbitrations, board of director meetings, stockholders meetings and convention business sessions

# Broadcast Captioning

- Provide critical information during an emergency to 28 million Americans who are deaf or hard-of-hearing
- Enable non-English-speaking viewers to enjoy news, sports and entertainment programming
- Enjoy flexible hours and working conditions
- Take advantage of a strong job market

# CART

- Work in interesting environments – from the classroom to the board room
- Enable universal access to important speeches, lectures and proceedings

# Webcaster

- Webcasters report financial earnings calls, sales meetings, press conferences, product introductions, and technical training seminars and instantly transmit the captions to all parties involved via the Internet.

# A Growing Profession

- According to the Department of Labor:
  - Job opportunities for court reporters are expected to be excellent as job openings continue to outnumber jobseekers.
  - Court reporters with certification can expect the best job opportunities.
  - Demand for court reporter services will be spurred by the continuing need for accurate transcription of proceedings in courts and in pretrial depositions, and by the growing need to create captions for live or prerecorded television and to provide other real-time translating services for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

# What Makes a Good Court Reporter?

- Good with language
  - Court reporters must have a strong vocabulary and a good ear for accents and dialects
- Creative
  - Capturing of the spoken word requires the ability to think on your feet and adapt to a variety of situations
- Self-motivated
  - Court reporters often work on their own and must be able to focus 100% on the task at hand

# Court reporter equipment



# Where to Start

- If you're interested in learning more about this profession, contact:
  - A career or guidance counselor
  - A court reporting school in your area (see [www.bestfuture.com](http://www.bestfuture.com))
  - State chapter or national headquarters of the National Court Reporters Association:  
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