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Careers in Court Reporting and Captioning

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Did you know?

- The profession dates back to the **4th century B.C.E.**
- Throughout history, court reporters have served the public by making **accurate records** of critical events.
- The ampersand symbol (&) that we use today is one of the **earliest forms of shorthand**.

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Today's court reporters and captioners are on the **cutting edge of technology**, driving advances in translating the spoken word to print.



"Being tech savvy really resonates with our client base. Every single time we've given a five-minute tour of our technology to a client, they are beside themselves. It's usually the assistants who are just delighted, because it makes their job easier."

Robin Nodland, FAPR, RDR, CRR
LNS Court Reporting, Portland, Ore.

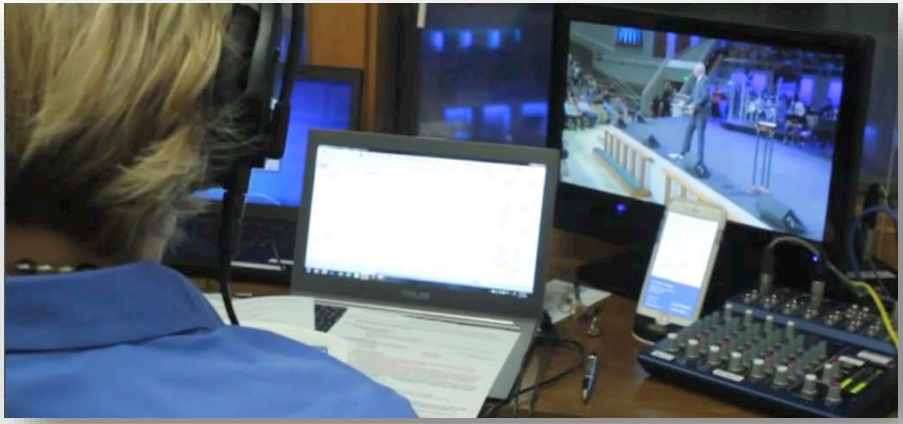
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People who successfully train to become court reporters and captioners have **numerous career options**, including these well-known fields:

- **Freelance reporting**
- **Courtroom reporting**
- **Captioning – live and remote**





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Freelancers are hired by:

- **Attorneys**
- **Corporations**
- **Unions**
- **Associations**
- **Contractors**
- **Entrepreneurs and more!**

> “If you want a career that grants flexibility and a high-earning potential, you should join the court reporting field! We need more new faces! Learning stenography and getting up to speed require a lot of discipline, but for the people who stick it through, there is great reward.”
>
> Brittaney Byers, graduate of
> Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio

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Provide records of meetings and hearings for:

- **Pretrial depositions**
- **Arbitrations**
- **Board meetings**
- **Stockholders meetings**
- **Convention sessions**
- **Other business sessions and more!**

Make your own schedule



Using modern technology, many freelancers conduct realtime assignments from their home offices.

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Courtroom or official reporters find employment from:

- **Local, state, and federal governments**
  - Often as part of the team serving one judge or courtroom
  - Compensated on a government pay scale
  - Earn government benefits
- **Firm owners and private industry employers**
  - Provide services in court and in other business settings
  - Meetings
  - Conventions
  - Board meetings
  - Arbitrations and more!

> “At its heart, court reporting is a performance job. What most excites me about court reporting is my certainty that I am performing an essential but unique service. Keeping the record is one of the main principles of our legal system.”
>
> Carolyn Kerr, RPR
> Official court reporter, Buffalo, N.Y.

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Broadcast captioners:

- Provide **critical information** during emergencies to millions of Americans who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Enable viewers who are not native English speakers to enjoy news, sports, and entertainment programming.
- Take advantage of a strong job market.

Flexible hours and work environments



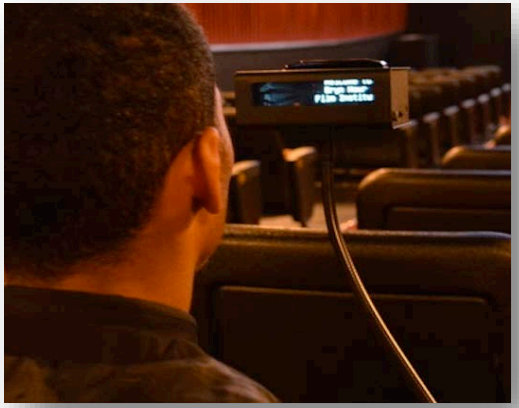
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Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) captioners:

- Enable **universal access** for speeches, lectures, and proceedings to individuals.
- Work in interesting environments from the classroom to the boardroom.

Get certified and expand your options



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Other captioning venues:

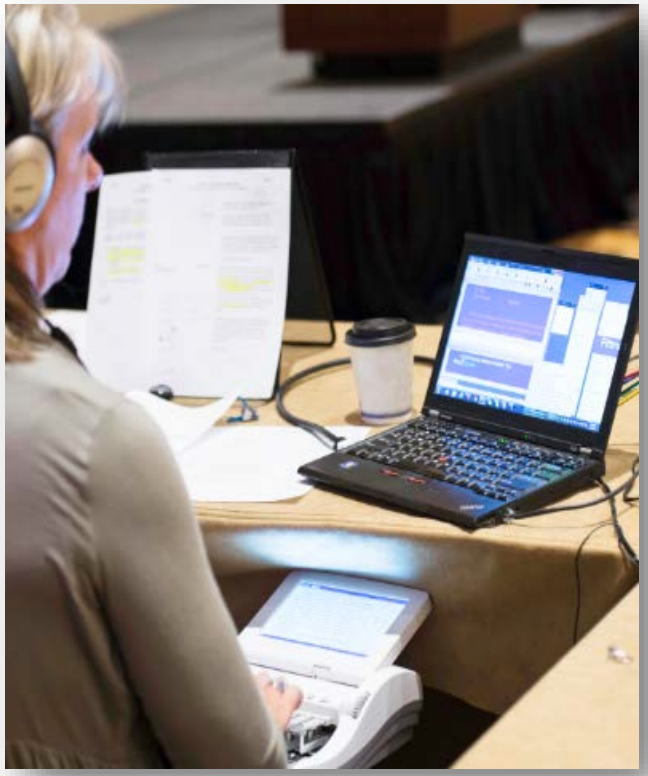
- **Financial earnings calls**
- **Sales meetings**
- **Press conferences**
- **Product introductions**
- **Technical training seminars**





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Court reporters and captioners use **realtime technology** to enhance the marketability of their skills.



Three-step process:

1. The reporter's steno machine connects to a computer.
2. Software translates the shorthand to full text.
3. Clients receive the feed on their electronic devices seconds after the words are spoken.

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- Court reporters and captioners with certification can expect the **best job opportunities**.
- Demand for court reporters and captioners is currently **on the rise**.
- Opportunities are nationwide, but the top four states are:
  - **California**
  - **Texas**
  - **Illinois**
  - **New York**

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Court reporting and captioning are **often overlooked as top jobs for professionals**, especially as a career that doesn't require a four-year college degree.

The truth is, **court reporters can spend less time in school** and be on their way to earning a **salary that is competitive** with other professions requiring four-year degrees.

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Court reporting and **captioning** are careers that will be in **increasingly high demand** well into the future.

The **average age of our current court reporters is 51**. About 70 percent of existing court reporters will retire in the next 20 years.

There are **ample job opportunities** nationwide.

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The profession is a great choice for:

- **Graduating high school students**
- **Career changers**
- **College path redirects**
- **Veterans**







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What it takes:

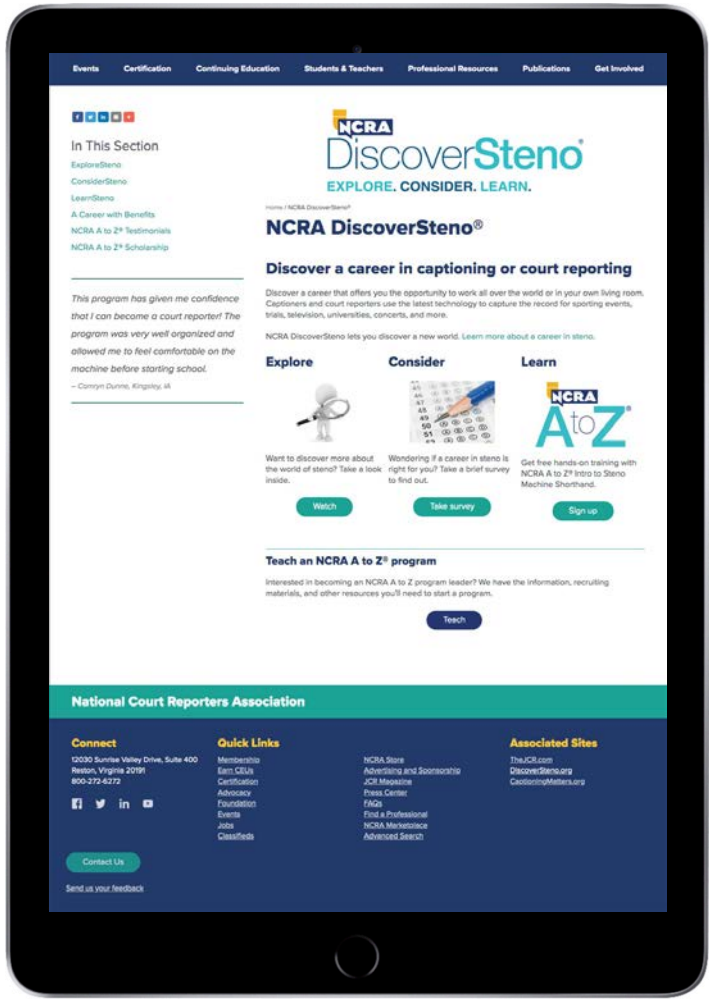
- **Strong vocabulary** and a good ear for accents and dialects.
- **Ability to think** on your feet and adapt to a variety of situations.
- **Able to focus** 100 percent on the task at hand.



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