
**October 2020
Newsletter!**



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NEWSLETTER



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Congratulations

TO OUR NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS!

Welcome to a new CRR

Rebecca Martin, CRR

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF:

JESSICA SPRIGGS

BOISE, IDAHO



How long have you been captioning? Almost 6 years!

Why did you decide to become a captioner? I worked as a CPA for 10 years and while I enjoyed aspects of it, I could not see doing it for 10 or 20 more years. I had a friend who was working as a captioner, who said I should try captioning! So finally, I decided to go to school in the evenings after work to become a captioner, and I have never looked back!

What's one of the most interesting things you've ever captioned? I've really enjoyed the motivational talks by Brene Brown and John O'Lear that I've captioned. There was also a fun cooking show with Alex Guarnaschelli, as well as a book event with Capricia Marshall and Hillary Clinton. I enjoyed hearing about what goes on in the White House behind the scenes.

Describe a typical workday. Usually I work 6-8 hours a day, and on busy days will pick up around 10 hours. I work with several different companies as an independent contractor. I have a few classes I usually pick up during the semester, and then just pick up business meetings, non-profit meetings, as well as anything else that comes along.

Do captioners have to edit their transcripts? Usually captioners are required to do a "rough edit." That means you're supposed to run the spell checker on the document before invoicing the client or company. I also try to make a mental note of words or difficulties that I have in the transcript, or make a scan stop, so I can go back and fix any problems. Depending on how much time I have, I will also scan through and read the transcript and review it that way. You don't get paid for this time, so more incentive to write clean and neat!!

What equipment is necessary to be a captioner? You will want to make sure you have an excellent computer that can handle your software. I have a Lenova Thinkpad. Of course, you need your steno machine of choice. I also have a second laptop that I can keep open for documents, prep material, and e-mails while I am writing. I like to have a landline and phone that I can use as audio for conference calls. I also have a second machine as a backup. For onsite jobs, make sure to have cords that are HDMI and VGA capable for onsite jobs as you never know what kind of projector or equipment you may have to connect to. And always have back-up internet even if it is just a cell phone hot spot!

What do you enjoy doing when you are not working? I love paddle boarding with my boxer, Penny, and camping in gorgeous Idaho.



Need CEUs?

STARCON20 will be a true *Virtual Experience* like none other. In true "STAR style" the live three-day STARCON will feature:

- **Keynote Speaker Doug Keeley: Master storyteller, serial entrepreneur, and leadership expert**
- **Stenograph Showcases: Reporter and firm owner focus sessions**
- **Case CATalyst training sessions with Cindi Lynch, Pam Szczecinski, and Grace Molson**
- **Panels on *Embracing Remote Reporting* and, back by popular demand, *Preserving the Record in Today's Challenging Industry, Part 2***
- **STAR's 2020 Annual Business Meeting**
- **12 hours of continuing education! 1.2 CEUs have been NCRA approved and 12 hours (non-ethics) have been approved by the Texas JBCC! All CEUs earned will be submitted at no additional charge to you.**
- **Daily virtual social and professional networking opportunities**
- **Virtual STAR Lounge/Irv's Place**

<https://www.staronline.org/starcon20-agenda>

SAVE THE DATE!!

Watch for more info regarding NCRA CEU credits as well as a time and location for a cocktail hour in your area after the seminar. This will be a great opportunity for students and working reporters to mingle.



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ICRA 2021 Virtual Conference

January 23, 2021

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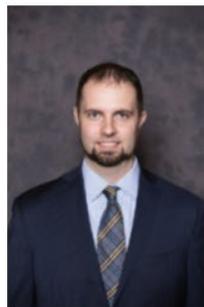


Work Smarter, Not Harder **Allison Hall, RMR, CRR, CSR**

Are you running your transcript load or is it running you? Are you dreaming about weekends to yourself and vacations where the laptop stays at home? Work Smarter, Not Harder will teach you ways to up your efficiency, increase your productivity, and reduce the amount of stress in a high-stress field.

Delegate to Dominate: Working with Scopists & Proofreaders

Lauren N. Lawrence, RPR, is going to talk you through all the ins and outs, ups and downs of working with scopists and proofreaders. She'll cover the best practices for finding, vetting, and hiring transcript teammates, as well as efficiency collaboration techniques, tips, and tricks. And, of course, we'll talk about the money, honey!



Mindset and the Stenographer **Matthew Moss, RPR**

Our beliefs about skill and talent can empower or undermine the progress we make toward achieving our goals. In this presentation we will examine the fixed and growth mindsets, their implications for stenographers, and insights that could help you overcome whatever stands between you and the next level of stenographic excellence.

Techy Tips and Tricks **Kristina Tan, CCR**

Explore various tools, gadgets, and shortcuts to make our jobs faster, better, and easier!



Students: Don't miss a special breakout session *just for you* presented by Allison Hall!



2021 Court Reporting & Captioning Week February 6-13



See what you missed at NCRA Connect Virtual 2020

Six individual sessions

NOW AVAILABLE

\$55 each members

\$79 each nonmembers



If you missed NCRA's Connect Virtual 2020 conference don't worry. On Oct. 1 six of the fan favorite sessions will be available as e-sessions. Each of the sessions are worth 0.1 CEU.

<http://ow.ly/ZxBO50Byjg7>

**Prime Day
is Oct 13 & 14**



Amazon Prime Day is October 13th and 14th. Next week! If you plan to take advantage of their deals and do some shopping on Amazon, don't forget to use our Amazon link. You can help ICRA while shopping!

ICRA gets a portion of every sale made through our link. No extra charge to you. If you shop using our link, ICRA gets money. It is a win, win!

Any money made by ICRA helps us provide more benefits to our members. It also helps us provide better training and bring in better speakers for our conferences and webinars.

You can find our Amazon link on the front page of our website.

Happy Shopping!



CASE CAT TIPS!!

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FO*EN - defined as {Number Conversion}[X (XXn) NNN-NNNN]

BRIEFS!!!

Next slide, please. - STPHAO*EZ

Subcommittee - S*UBG

Republican - R*ED

Democrat - PWHRAO*U

RBG - R*BG

Trump - TR*UPL

Biden - PWAO*EUD

Achievement - KHAOEFMT

Inspire - SPEUR

Leadership - LOEUP

Mentor - MERNT

Network - NERK

Succeed – SUBGD

COVID TERMINOLOGY/BRIEFS




KOEFD = COVID
 KO*EFD = COVID-19
 KOEFRS = coronavirus
 KOEFRTS = coronavirus testing
 SA*RD = SARS-CoV-2
 LOIFL = Lysol
 H-NDZ = hand sanitizer
 KLORKS = Clorox
 MAO*UN = immune
 MAO*UNT = immunity
 MAO*UNGS = immunization
 KWARNT = quarantine
 KWARNG = quarantining
 KWARND = quarantined
 PAIK or PA*IK = Pandemic
 SREUFPL = Virtual
 FA*EK = Face mask
 SOEURBD = Social distance
 SOEURBD/G = Social distancing






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Have some fun new briefs you have found or are working on, email them to icrboard@gmail.com to be included in our newsletter!



<http://ow.ly/2q1B50BGB6T>



As a member of ICRA, you help support the organization that works for you and your profession, specifically on Idaho-related issues. ICRA's strategic plan is to promote Professional Development, Education, Awareness and Outreach, Advocacy, Resources, and Member Value. What benefits are you missing out on by not being a member? Are you losing out on networking and advertising opportunities? Join today!

[BECOME-A-MEMBER](#)



Member Benefits!

Members now receive a 10% discount when purchasing supplies through **Pengad**. How much do you spend on supplies each year? If you spend \$400 a year, that's half the cost of membership.

\$25 off Translation Tune-Up from **Learn to Caption**.

My Realtime Coach. Free upgrade from the Pro package to the Ultimate package (\$120 annual savings) or \$5 off per month on any Cert Prep package (\$20 savings) Check with the board for your discount codes. You receive a discount to the ICRA conventions and seminars. Reimbursement for passed certification tests. And MORE!

Check out all the benefits for being a member of ICRA [here](#).

- [MEMBER-BENEFITS](#)

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DIRECTORY

Scopist/Proofreader Directory Now Available!

Need help meeting those transcript deadlines?
Need a fresh set of eyes to read through your transcript?
Want to take a vacation without worrying about work? You can now find and create a working relationship with a scopist/proofreader directly from our website.

[SCOPIST/PROOFREADER- DIRECTORY](#)



North and South Area Reps!

Area Representatives coordinate community outreach in their designated area. They coordinate quarterly social functions among the court reporters, CART captioners, and broadcast captioners in their designated area to promote comradery among reporters and also get feedback from those reporters about any concerns they may wish to bring to the Board of Directors' attention. It shall also be the duty of Area Representatives to keep reporters in their area apprised of the goals, actions, and activities of the Association on an ongoing basis. Area Representatives also vote with the board.

Please reach out to icraboard@gmail.com if you would like to be a representative for your area.