

# STENOCON 2025


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## SCHEDULE



**DAYTONA  
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June 27 - 29, 2025



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Subject to Change  
Pending NCRA 1.7 CEUs  
Approved NVRA 17 CEs

### THURSDAY, JUNE 26

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Early Bird Check-In Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration Check-In Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Hall Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. TICKExTravaganza Room Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. FPR-C Exam - (Oceanview IV)  
Practice room opens at 7:30 a.m.  
Exam given at 8:00 a.m. SHARP

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 27 - CONTINUED

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSION 1 - (Nautilus I, II, III)**  
Eclipse Software Training & Update  
Trainer: Keith Vincent, CSR, RPR  
0.15 | 0.15 | 0.25 CEUs

Since the attendees at an Eclipse class are generally quite varied (reporters, scopists, CART providers, students) and come with different degrees of knowledge of the program, this training will use Eclipse 11 as a reference point while taking care to offer advice that applies to previous versions as much as possible. The focus is always on how to obtain the best translation to text from either steno or voice. Equally important is advice for efficient editing. Since beta versions of Eclipse are also available, Keith will also offer a look at some of the outstanding features of the new version. As always, questions from the audience are most welcome.

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSION 2 - (Atlantic I & II)**  
Case CATalyst Software Training - What's New and Let's Review  
Trainer: Robin Merker, RPR, FPR-C, Stenograph Certified Independent Training Agent  
0.15 | 0.25 | 0.15 CEUs

What's new since CATalyst 22.00!

Hidden text categories, easier-to-see conflict choice, reorganization of advanced edit options, Fill-in-Fields, search and replace option merge, Check-It add and replace, Check-It easy access button. Virtual cables – is it for you? How to troubleshoot and make life easier – not harder! Cloud Backup – how to clean it up and avoid running out of space. Macros/keyboard shortcuts. Tips for updating, creating, and making your includes work for you. Frequently asked questions and topics – Stump the Trainer.



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8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
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**SESSION 1 - Eclipse - (Nautilus I, II, III)**  
**SESSION 2 - Case CATalyst - (Atlantic I & II)**

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors - (Oceanview Pre-Function)  
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10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**SESSION 1 - Eclipse (Continued) - (Nautilus I, II, III)**  
**SESSION 2 - Case CATalyst (Continued) - (Atlantic I & II)**

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own - Eclipse Training Attendees  
Lunch on Your Own - Case CATalyst Training Attendees

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**SESSION 1 - Eclipse (Continued) - (Nautilus I, II, III)**  
**SESSION 2 - Case CATalyst (Continued) - (Atlantic I & II)**

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

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3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**SESSION 3 - (Nautilus I, II, III)**  
ChatGPT Making a More Perfect Transcript  
Speaker: Alex Lederer, RPR  
0.15 CEUs

This will be a hands-on seminar exploring the use of AI tools like ChatGPT for research in depositions, hearings, and beyond. Learn how to effectively prompt ChatGPT to find medical terms, legal citations, expert jargon, and more based on the phonetics and context of what was said during the case, while verifying results through reliable sources. Through live demonstrations, real-world examples, and interactive audience participation, Lederer will showcase the strengths and limitations of AI in research and teach best practices for accuracy and reliability.

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

**Thomas Hughes Memorial Realtime Challenge - (Oceanview IV)**  
Practice Room Opens at 5:00 p.m.  
Contest begins at 5:30 p.m. SHARP  
Contest results will be announced at the President's Party.  
Awards Sponsored by St. Petersburg Conference Center

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Reporter Networking Happy Hour (Oceanview Pre-Function)**  
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## SATURDAY, JUNE 28

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| 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | Registration Check-In Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | Exhibitor Hall Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | TICKExTravaganza Room Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  | Continental Breakfast - (Oceanview Pre-Function)<br>★ Sponsored by Veritext ★                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  | <b>SESSION 4 - (Nautilus I, II, III)</b><br>The High-Profile Trial of Noor Salman, Widow of Pulse Nightclub Shooter, Omar Mateen<br>Speakers: Honorable Paul G. Byron and Suzanne Trimble, CRR, RPR, CSR (WA)<br>0.15 CEUs<br><br>On June 12, 2016, sadly, 49 people were shot and killed at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, in what marks the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. The shooter's wife, Noor Salman, was charged federally with aiding and abetting Omar Mateen's attempted provision and provision of material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a designated foreign terrorist organization, and obstruction of justice. In March of 2018, the Honorable Paul G. Byron presided over the jury trial and Official Court Reporter Suzanne Trimble reported the proceedings at the George C. Young Federal Courthouse in Orlando, Florida. In this session, they will share their unique perspectives regarding their roles and experiences in this high-profile case that captured the world's attention. |
| 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Refreshment Break with Exhibitors - (Oceanview Pre-Function)<br>💎 Sponsored by Butler Reporting 💎                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**SESSION 5 - (Nautilus I, II, III)**

Civilian Response to Active Assailant

Speaker: Michael Berard, Volusia County Sheriff's Deputy/Training Academy  
Instructor

0.15 CEUs

This presentation will include national and international information about active killer and active shooter events to include statistical information provided by the FBI and DHS, dos and don'ts for civilian response and reaction to an active assailant event, and warning signs and safeguarding information.

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**SESSION 6 - (Nautilus I, II, III)**

FCRA Annual Business Meeting Luncheon, Installation of Officers/Directors,  
and NCRA Update

0.00 CEUs

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

**SESSION 7 - (Nautilus I, II, III)**

Anatomy of a State Prosecution Grand Jury

Speaker: Jeremy Scott, Esquire

0.10 CEUs

This presentation will take a look at the selection process and reporting requirements for statewide grand juries from the perspective of court reporters.

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors - (Oceanview Pre-Function)



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2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**SESSION 8 - (Nautilus I, II, III)**

Hot Topics in Ethics - NCRA's Code of Professional Ethics

Speaker: Carol Naughton, RDR

0.10 CEUs

This session will educate on NCRA's Code of Professional Ethics that's directed towards court reporters and governs the conduct between the public, the bench, and the bar so that they are aware what to expect from an NCRA member. Naughton will address specific Private and Public Advisory Opinions, give real-life examples, and engage the audience in lively discussion regarding current events and issues as it pertains to our everyday jobs.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**SESSION 9 - (Nautilus I, II, III)**

Drama-Free Life

Speaker: Dania Alen, Life Coach

0.10 CEUs

The presentation focuses on understanding codependency and embracing a drama-free life. It explores how to set healthy boundaries, create meaningful connections, and approach life with greater gentleness and balance.

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**LAST CALL FOR TICKETS**

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

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

Reception & TICKExTravaganza - (Oceanview Pre-function)

◆ Reception Sponsored by Diamond Court Reporting ◆

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

"Bubbles" President's Party - (Nautilus Ballroom)

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7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration Check-In Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**SESSION 10** - (Nautilus I, II, III) Voice Writing – How Does That Work?

Speaker: Tori Pittman, BA, CVR-CM-M, RCP, RVR and FAPR, RDR, CRI (Ret)  
0.15 CEUs

This session will be presented using a slide deck with demonstration and allowing for a Q/A period. During this session, participants will be exposed to the basic tenets of voice writing – the hardware and software required, the skill set, certification requirements. The presenter will explain the how and why of her transition to this method of reporting and share examples of how a voice writer's skill runs in parallel to a machine writer's, whether using brief forms or macros, CAT software, and record-conscious professionalism. Upon completion of this session, attendees will have a better understanding of how their peers using this methodology take the record and how they work in partnership with machine writers in their efforts to safeguard the integrity of the record.

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Refreshment Break - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

**SESSION 11** - (Nautilus I, II, III)

Using Skilled Interpreters

Speaker: Karina de la Cruz-Phraner, Founder, CEO, MBA  
0.10 CEUs

Join us for a nationally approved Continuing Legal Education (CLE) event focused on the critical importance of hiring skilled interpreters in legal practice. In today's diverse society, effective communication is paramount in ensuring fair and just legal proceedings. This CLE will provide valuable insights into the nuances of interpretation in legal settings, equipping legal professionals with the knowledge needed to navigate language barriers confidently.

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10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Refreshment Break - (Oceanview Pre-Function)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **SESSION 12 - (Nautilus I, II, III)**  
Speed Networking - We Can All Learn From Each Other  
Speaker: Lori Bundy, RMR, CRR, FPR-C & Panel  
0.20 CEUs

FCRA's StenoCon will conclude with an engaging seminar designed to unite various aspects of the court reporting industry in a dynamic speed networking environment. A diverse panel of industry professionals will remain stationary while attendees rotate, providing the opportunity to learn from each expert. In turn, panelists are excited to gain insights from the participants as well. Who will be on our panel? Expect a well-rounded mix of industry roles, including a new working reporter, an influencer reporter, a realtime reporter, a videographer, an interpreter, and both current and former firm owners. Don't miss this fun and interactive session—connect, learn, and wrap up the day with valuable networking!

1:00 p.m. Conference Adjourns