



Florida Court Reporters Association 2017 Annual Convention

June 23-25, 2017 • Hilton West Palm Beach
West Palm Beach, Florida

Theme: "GET A CLUE"

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. FCRA Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. FPR Course

SESSION #1:

Title: Florida Rules & Ethics Certification Seminar

SPEAKERS: Holly Kapacinskas, RPR, CRR, FPR; Cindy Bender, RPR, FPR; Cathy Phillips, RMR, CMRS, FPR, FAPR; Paulita Kundid, RPR, CLVS, FPR

FCRA presents this one-day seminar, which will cover Florida's Rules of Court as they apply to court reporters in depth, as well as showing how the NCRA Advisory Opinions apply. This is the class we all wish had been available in court reporting school.

Your textbook will be the FCRA Florida Manual – over 300 pages of how-to information. An electronic copy of this manual will be sent to you prior to the class and by the end of the class you will have an intimate familiarity of this manual and how to use it. All information will be presented to you in classroom format. This is not an open microphone discussion session as our ethics seminars have been. In order to convey as much information as possible, this will be a highly organized presentation.

Starting with the historical background of all transcript formats from the Federal Rules, we will guide you through the maze of Florida's Rules of Court. We will show how those rules apply to your role and responsibilities at all types of proceedings. We will show you how to apply NCRA's Advisory Opinions to your daily reporter life. Then we'll take you step by step through to completion of the transcript. We will cover the

various kinds of depositions, sworn statements, arbitrations, examinations under oath, independent medical examinations, and court proceedings. We'll show you why you put what information where, what is required, and what is prohibited. You will learn the Florida mandated transcript formats and how to apply them to your transcript. You will be guided through records pickups and how the Federal HIPAA Act impacts your performance of this routine assignment.

(.5 CEUs)

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Concurrent Session

SESSION #2:

Title: CAT Training - Take the Murder Out of Editing

SPEAKER: Gayl Hardeman, RDR, CRR, CRC, FPR, CRI & Robin L. Merker, RPR, FPR, CITA

Descriptive Paragraph: CaseCAT 18 is here - and Robin and Gayl are back to show you what's new and great in 18. The dynamic duo will demonstrate timesavers like CasePrep, worry-savers like iCloud backup, and helpers like the new direct importing of Eclipse files so your colleagues don't have to export to RTF to share files or dictionaries with you. Realtime Commands and Dictionary Builder have added needed features you'll be happy to learn. They'll answer your questions too, so plan on an exciting CaseCAT class!

(.15 CEUs)

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Concurrent Session

SESSION #3:

Title: Get a Clue - Tips & Tricks on Editing in Eclipse

SPEAKER: Christine Phipps, RPR, LCR (NJ/TN), CLR, FPR, RSA

Descriptive Paragraph: Learning how to work smarter, not harder, by having your dictionary work for you. Learning your dictionary will transition into better realtime feeds and less editing, resulting in higher gross sales capabilities.

(.15 CEUs)

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Concurrent Session

SESSION #4:

Title: Unlock the Mysteries of ProCat

SPEAKER: Ann Baldassari, RPR, RMR, CRR, FPR, CRC

Descriptive Paragraph: This seminar will focus on how to increase your translation rate and reduce editing time by utilizing the phonetic table, dictionary maintenance, job dictionaries, automatic number conversion, automatic indexing, how to create and sign PDF transcripts, including condensed and word indexes. Learn how to set up and use Denoto with tablets and CasePad with iPads for CART and litigation support, and how to write directly from your Impression/Xpression writer to a tablet or iPad. Learn how to use audio sync to save time in editing and how to create excerpts to keep audio and steno intact.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Concurrent Session**

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(.2 CEUs)

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Concurrent Session**

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(.2 CEUs)

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Own

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

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

Concurrent Session

SESSION #8:

Title: Solve the Mystery of the Quagmire of Voir Dire

SPEAKER: Richard S. Scire, RPR; Michael A. Scire, RPR, CMRS

Descriptive Paragraph: 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.

(.15 CEUs)

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

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

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

Exhibit Hall Open

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

Concurrent Session

SESSION #9:

Title: Just the Facts, Ma'am...about CART & Captioning

SPEAKER: Jennifer M. Bonfilio, RMR-CRC

Descriptive Paragraph: Heard rumors about CART Captioning? Think there isn't money to be made outside judicial court reporting? Nervous about displaying your writing for just one person to thousands of people to see? Want to feel APPRECIATED for your hard work? Learn the real deal about CART Captioning! This workshop is designed to introduce court reporters to the alternative fields of CART and Captioning -- including Internet captioning, stadium captioning, broadcast captioning and more -- through the presenter's experiences. Attendees will discover a myriad of new career opportunities available to them in which they can apply their court reporting skills. They will learn the steps to follow to achieve the realtime skills necessary to enter each of these fields. A comparison regarding theory modification, equipment, and salary potential will be discussed in a candid fashion.

(.15 CEUs)

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

FPR Exam

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

FCRA Realtime Contest

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

Reporter Networking Happy Hour (Drinks on own)

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

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

One Mile Walk

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Exhibits Open

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **General Session**

SESSION #10: **Title:** English Gremlins and How to Defeat Them
SPEAKER: Dr. Santo "Joe" Aurelio, FAPR, RDR

Descriptive Paragraph: We guarantee you won't fall asleep when Dr. Aurelio, an English-grammar teacher and former court reporter, tells you about some gremlins that are alive and well in English grammar. For example, he will discuss the significant differences between the following word pairs that bedevil so many of us: principal/principle, affect/effect, pore/pour, therefor/therefore, regime/regimen, lead/led, premier/premiere, etc. But most importantly, his humorous lecture will teach easy-to-remember rules and memory devices to help you to always use the correct form.

(.1 CEU)

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **General Session**

SESSION #11: **Title:** Clues to Get the Most of Today's Technology
SPEAKER: Kristin M. Anderson, CSR, RPR, FCRR

Descriptive Paragraph: Today's new technology is yesterday's news. Staying at the top of your game is vital to your success in the court reporting and captioning arenas. Learn the tips and tricks for staying current with new technology to ensure that the services you provide your clients are supported by the latest in hardware and software products.

(.1 CEU)

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Concurrent Session**

SESSION #12: **Title:** Death Investigation in the "305"
SPEAKER: Emma O. Lew, M.D.

Descriptive Paragraph: The process of death investigation by the medical examiner will be illustrated by case examples. Dr. Lew will review cases to show how it's essential to use all the information available in every case, including the history, terminal events, scene circumstances and findings, autopsy findings, toxicology, other studies and investigative information in order for the medical examiner to arrive at the most accurate determination of the cause and manner of death.

(.15 CEUs)

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session

SESSION #15:

Title: Uncovering Your Hidden Talent
SPEAKER: Jennifer Bonfilio, RMR-CRC

Descriptive Paragraph: A hands-on session where we will get our hands dirty learning valuable realtime skills that will set us apart from the competition and open up a whole new world of opportunities. You will learn how to write numbers to translate perfectly every time, how to write names, strategies to cope with word-boundary issues, to brief or not to brief, and much more! Don't miss this seminar if you want to uncover your hidden talent! *(Bring your writer and laptop. Participants must know how to connect writer to laptop and start a realtime session; check with software vendor before seminar.)*

(.15 CEUs)

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

Luncheon, Annual Business Meeting & Installation of Officers/Directors

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

General Session

SESSION #13:

Title: How Reporters and Detectives Can Work Together on Homicide Cases
SPEAKER: Todd Hand and Fred Rosen

Descriptive Paragraph: Todd Hand and Fred Rosen will detail their collaboration on the double murder at the heart of the book *Flesh Collectors*. Fred will also speak about how the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department worked together with him on the Lobster Boy case, in which the evidence he discovered was turned over to the prosecution and led to the conviction of two of the murderers of Grady Stiles, Jr.

(.2 CEUs)

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

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

General Session

SESSION #14:

Title: Body Language - How to Develop the Sherlock Holmes' Intuition
SPEAKER: Dave Wenhold

Descriptive Paragraph: Learn what everybody is saying to you and how to utilize those subtle signals to judge any situation. Whether it is in the elevator, the office, a courtroom, or a boardroom, the unconscious signals that a person's body sends out will allow you to better read them. This fun and interactive seminar will show you how to make an impact with others through nonverbal communication. Studies show that 93% of communication effectiveness is based upon nonverbal cues. So what is

your body telling others?

(.15 CEUs)

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

Free Time

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

Basket Raffle/Cocktail Hour

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

President's Party

SESSION #16:

Murder Mystery Dinner with CEUs (Appendix 1).

(.15 CEUs)

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

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

Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

General Session

SESSION #17:

Title: Reposting the Boston Strangler Trial

SPEAKER: Dr. Santo "Joe" Aurelio, FAPR, RDR

Descriptive Paragraph: The Boston Strangler terrorized the city of Boston, Massachusetts, from 1962 to 1964, when 13 women were brutally murdered. Albert DeSalvo confessed to all of those murders, but he was only tried for other crimes. Not every police official believed he was the Strangler. Was he? Join Dr. Aurelio, a reporter on the DeSalvo case, as he discusses many salient aspects regarding DeSalvo, Attorney F. Lee Bailey, and other principals (including a world-renowned psychic) in this strange case.

(.15 CEUs)

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

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

General Session

SESSION #18:

Title: The Final Mystery - Health & Fitness for Court Reporters

SPEAKER: Becca Tebon

Descriptive Paragraph: Becca Tebon is a mom, coach, certified holistic health coach, nutrition & fitness trainer, personal health coach, author, healthy lifestyle & detox expert, and inspirational speaker. She will show you how to Turn Stress into Success! Increase production while decreasing your bottom (literally).

(.3 CEUs)

1:30 p.m.

Conference Adjourns

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FCRA Post-Convention Board Meeting