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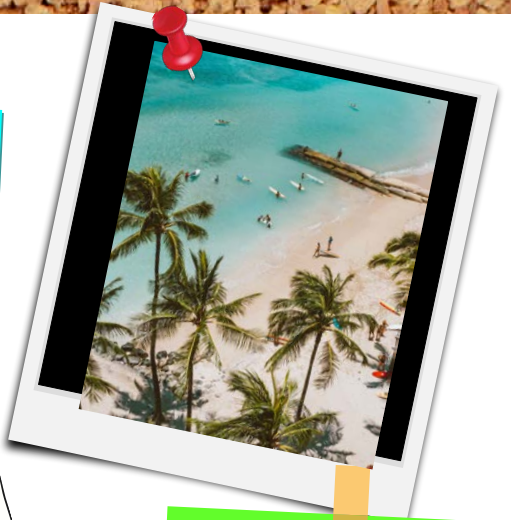
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Co-Editor's Letter

By Amber Rodriguez, CS, RPR, FPR-C

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Time. We've all got the same amount of time in a day, right? They say spend your time wisely. We are pulled in a hundred different directions every day. Who has time to do it all? I surely don't. It's easy to see all of you working reporters wearing your mom/dad/grandparent/caretaker/cook/business owner/ground transportation/laundry-doer hats. I feel you, and I empathize with you. But here I am asking you to give back. Why? Because I know how I feel when I give back, and I love sharing my passion for this marvelous, full-of-options career. I see my friends and colleagues giving their time and energy and they inspire me to do more. Giving and doing acts of kindness have a proven ripple effect on others.

Whether you're spending one-on-one time mentoring a newbie reporter, donating for the next convention, writing an article, praying with someone in need, being tech support, simply giving a compliment as you jump in the elevator, board service, giving advice on social media, helping scope/proof for a fellow reporter to meet a deadline, it all counts. Here's a challenge to each of you to just give a few extra minutes of your time each week to promote our profession in some way. When you have the chance, talk to anyone and everyone who will listen about court reporting. Hey, even have those difficult talks and educate the nay-sayers. And I APPLAUD everyone I see out there as a steward promoting the reporting profession. Cheers to you, my friend! It is up to all of us to keep the future bright for those following behind us.

The time you invest in giving back will reward you endlessly.

AT THE END OF
THE DAY IT'S NOT
ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE
OR EVEN WHAT YOU'VE
ACCOMPLISHED... IT'S
ABOUT WHO YOU'VE
LIFTED UP, WHO YOU'VE
MADE BETTER. IT'S
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President's Message

By Laura J. Landerman, RDR, CRR, FPR-C



As we welcome in every new year, we all set those “New Year’s resolutions,” whether it’s to exercise more, lose weight, get in shape, run a marathon, get more rest or get more organized... the list goes on. Before you set out to accomplish those new goals, take a few minutes to reflect on 2022’s challenges, happy times, and how much you’ve learned along the way. Each year brings about its own challenges, and 2022 sure had its share.

There are many aspects of our personal and professional lives we can control, but there are many aspects we cannot. This lack of ability to control things is one of the biggest stressors and fears we face.

In our professional world, a perfect example is the rise in use of different methods of reporting. We are proud steno and voice writers, as we should be, but we also live in a world where technology is evolving at lightspeed. It’s a reality that is difficult to accept, so our natural instincts are to fight it, to hope it goes away, to disparage anyone who dare embrace it. Hey, I get it. I’m steno to the core, but AI is here and is not going away. AI cannot, however, top live reporting via steno or voice.

Stenographers resist change and are leery of technology. We always have been. However, through use of technology, we evolved from manual paper machines and dictating to CAT software, to paperless machines, to audiosync, to e-transcripts, realtime, remote proceedings, and now CAT software that offers AI to aid the stenographer, not to replace them. I remember when I graduated in 1986, I was told that tape recorders will replace us within ten years. Well, 36 years later I’m still using a steno machine and state-of-the-art technology to do my job. Those 22 keys combined with the amazing human brain is untouched by any artificial intelligence.

President's Message (continued)

As we start this new year, let's not dwell on the other methods' existence. Take the high road and resist the temptation to bash these other methods. Instead, let us distinguish excellence from adequate, as it is excellence that we bring to every proceeding. Competing methods will try to normalize an "adequate" record over an "accurate" record. We will not allow this to become the new norm. Let's focus our energy on educating judges and lawyers on the unmatched superiority of our craft and how an "accurate" verbatim transcript is so very vital to our legal system. The skills, knowledge of legal rules and common-sense ability of discernment the live verbatim reporter possesses is something AI NEVER will.

Our collective New Year's resolutions for 2023 should be:

- Get back to practicing to keep your skills sharp. Maybe consider joining an online practice group that holds you accountable (and they're fun.)
- Make this the year you join your state association.
- Volunteer at career days to promote this wonderful career.
- Work toward attaining certifications.
- Update your software.
- Learn one new feature of your CAT software each month - help it help you.
- Consider giving back by mentoring a student or new reporter.
- Realtime is our future – hone those skills and make the leap.
- Get back out there on in-person jobs where you can educate and advocate the verbatim method of capturing the record.

Most importantly, we need to stop all the negativity surrounding our profession, fellow reporters, lawyers and agencies. We are our own worst enemy at times.

I get it. I really do. So much about reporting today angers me, too, but I love this profession and want to make 2023 a year of positivity and the year stenos and voice reporters continue to soar higher than any other methods.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, productive, positive and prosperous new year!

With warm regards,



Laura J. Landerman, RDR, CRR, FPR-C
FCRA President



FPR-C

Skills, yeah, we got them.



**Join us in Key Largo - July 14
2023 FCRA Annual Convention
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What is the FPR-C?

The FPR-C is the skills complement to FCRA's FPR and is a voluntary (optional) skills examination.

In order to be eligible to sit for the FPR-C, a candidate must:

- **Be a current member of FCRA*;**
- **Be a steno or voice writer;**
- **Provide his or her own laptop and CAT software for testing;**
- **Have the ability to email his or her test papers to the Committee for grading.**

***A candidate may take the FPR-C before taking the FPR, but may not use the initials "FPR-C" until the candidate successfully passes the FPR modules and test. A candidate who wishes to take the modules and examination for the FPR certification must be a participating member of FCRA.**

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July 14-16, 2023**

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JULY 14 - 16, 2023

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FPR-C reciprocity requires one of the following items which must attached with this registration form or submitted with your payment:

Current NCRA CEU Cycle Transcript with certifications listed.

- or -

Letter from NCRA, on NCRA letterhead, indicating your current membership status and qualifying certification achieved (RPR or higher.)

Why do I Serve?

by Ninette Butler
RMR, CRR, CRC, FPR-C

When I turned nine years old, my mom asked me what I wanted for my birthday. All I wanted was a pair of Jordache jeans. In the early '80s, Jordache jeans were cool. I did get a pair of \$26 Jordache jeans, two weeks later, after she got her paycheck.

I tell this story not to disparage my mom. She did the best she could as a single mom with what she had. However, this experience, among others, made an impression on my mind because I wanted a better life for myself and my family. I began to wonder what career I could focus on to improve my financial situation. I could not imagine going to college for four years and still not know what I wanted to do. I could not afford that. That's when my Aunt Sylvia told me about a friend of hers who was a court reporter. She had a nice house; her hours were flexible; and she made a decent income. Living in California, that was no small feat.

I decided to test out her theory and started a brick-and-mortar court reporting school in Van Nuys, California. It was the best decision I ever made. Two and a half years later, I graduated school in Florida. Shortly after that I bought my first new car. Shortly after that, I got PADI certified and began scuba diving in the Keys, Indonesia, and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. I took two weeks and traveled Europe with my besties, all while living on my own and paying my own way. I was living my best life, all thanks to this wonderful career.

After court reporting for 16 years, I got married and decided to start a family. I had two beautiful kids. Once the kids came, I stopped court reporting and devoted my time to them. I didn't think I would ever go back to court reporting again, but life had other plans. Ten years later, I was a single mom. Thank God I had a career to fall back on. It was a tough adjustment, but my kids never had to worry about waiting for my paycheck to arrive before getting their birthday presents. We somehow managed not only to survive but to thrive. We still did a lot of fun things anytime we'd get the chance. There was never a lack, all thanks to this wonderful career.



I was able to find love again and married my husband Kevin. We decided he would go to law school while I worked to keep us afloat. After graduating law school, we decided he would start his own solo practice, partly because of his commitment with the Army National Guard. It took years of nurturing the practice to finally be able to slow down in my career and not work as many hours as I had been working, including traveling for months at a time for trials. My husband's success as an attorney and my ability to finally slow down was made possible because of this wonderful career.

The tapestry of my life has court reporting weaved throughout. There have been ups and downs, but the one constant is my career. It has never failed me. Instead, it has been the vehicle to get me to the next stage in life. When I was asked to serve on the FCRA Board of Directors, it seemed like an easy decision. How can I not? Where much is given, much is required. It was time for me to give back to a career that has given me everything.

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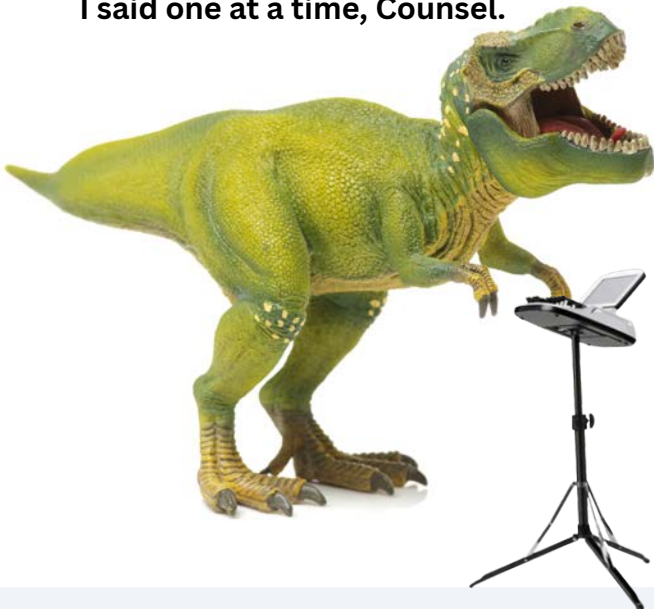
When everyone is getting off the zoom call but you're struggling to find the leave meeting button so then it's just you and the host



"Whatever you do,
always give 100%.
Unless you're
donating blood."

BILL MURRAY

When your inner Tyrannosaurus Rex comes out.
I said one at a time, Counsel.



Heart of Giving



I believe that generosity is a privilege.

My favorite annual gift is to buy dozens of boxes of Girl Scout cookies and then give them to a local fire station. It's like getting a two-for-one on the same gift, and everybody is happy.

Two organizations that I give to monthly are Revive Our Hearts ministry and Friends to the Forlorn Pit Bull Rescue.

Revive Our Hearts is a great resource for women with uplifting podcasts and written materials.

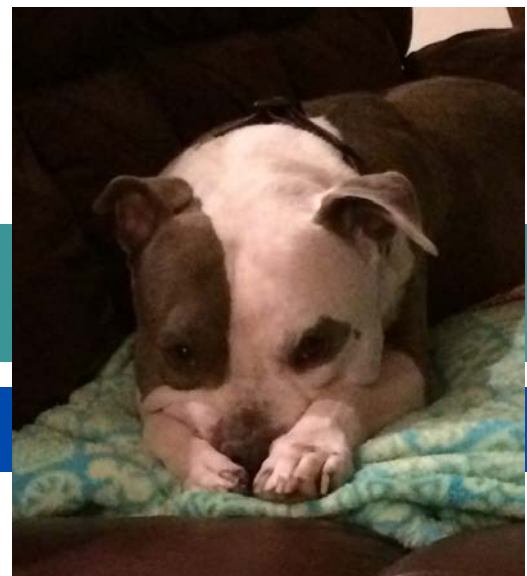
Friends to the Forlorn Pit Bull Rescue is something that I give in honor of my granddog, Bruiser, who has passed, but I still miss him. Just looking at his picture still makes me smile.

For Christmas giving this year, I donated to Set Free Counseling, which provides mental health counseling even when people can't cover the full fee. Also, this year I gave to the Florida Court Reporters Association's student fund to give back a little something to the career I love so much.

I also like to volunteer time in my city by working with The Laundry Project, where we volunteer a few times a year by going to the laundromat and paying for the washing and drying for everyone there. We usually average about 250 loads of laundry each time.

Each of these opportunities allows me to help in some small way to give back to those things that touch my heart and my life.

Lori Seiden, RPR, FPR-C
2022-2023 FCRA Director at Large





2023 Court Reporting
& Captioning Week

**FEBRUARY
4-11**



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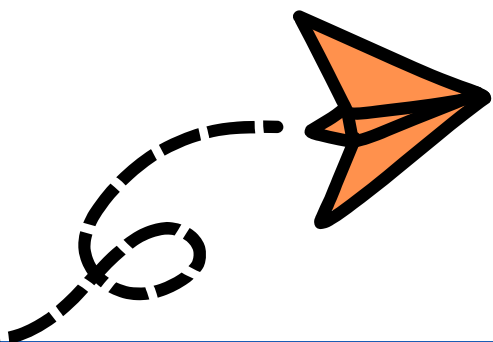
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*METHOD OF REPORTING: ☐ Stenographic ☐ Voicewriter ☐ Gregg ☐ Pittman ☐ Other _____

*TYPE OF REPORTER: ☐ Freelance ☐ Official ☐ Deputy Official ☐ Federal ☐ Teacher ☐ Student ☐ Other _____

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I make application for Membership as a: (CHECK ONE)

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I understand that all applications are subject to review and approval by FCRA. All applicants must be sponsored by an FCRA member in good standing per FCRA bylaws.

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