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By Sandra Estevez, CSR (CA), FPR,  
2012-2013 President



# Hitting the Ground Running

Wow, it's been a little over three months since our Annual Convention in June at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort, and your FCRA Board has really hit the ground running.

Now that we've moved to having one big Annual convention per year, we've also implemented having two additional stand-alone FPR examination/certification venues — one each fall and spring.

Our Fall FPR led by Paulita Kuldig, Chair of the Ethics and FPR Oversight Committee, was held Saturday, October 20, at the Broward County Bar Association. Our Spring FPR date and venue are yet to be determined. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Ethics Committee has also been tasked with researching the effects of E-filing deposition transcripts in the state of Florida and how it could potentially impact reporter revenue. Chairperson Kuldig is currently in contact with the Chair of the E-filing Board, Tim Smith, to determine who our point of contact should be going forward so that FCRA may offer possible input and/or solutions. Watch for upcoming membership e-flashes for up-to-date information on this hot topic.

Back in May, as FCRA was gearing up for the Annual Convention and the Strategic Planning Session, we sent out a survey to our membership asking what you, as members, would like the FCRA Board of Directors to focus our efforts on regarding both long- and short-term goals for the Association. Out of 600+ members, we received 63 responses to the survey.

When asked what is the most important issue we should task our lobbyist with at the Capitol, the most prevalent response reflected mandatory certification, followed by removing digital reporters from the industry, keeping rates from falling, third-party contracting and gift giving.

On September 24th immediately following the FCRA Board meeting, we held a Board information exchange with Past Presidents Judy Everman, Paulita Kuldig, Susan Wasilewski and Jennifer Gaul, as our educators. They did a beautiful job of taking our Board through the history of certification.

Our goal was to learn the history behind the certification effort in Florida, to take a look at the certification language that is currently "on the books" and its status including a grandfather clause. We were interested in finding out what has worked in the past and what didn't work, as well as

learning more about the history of the FPR and what events led up to the development of our volunteer certification as well as the decision to include all methodologies.

The pursuit of certification in Florida commenced back in 1965, so you can imagine the victories and defeats that have transpired over the last 47 years. For more information on the history of certification, please be sure to read Jennifer Gaul's article titled, "The History of Florida Certification." Jennifer Gaul and Judy Everman helped us pull all this information together in sequential order, which really lays out a nice timeline of events.

Currently our Government Relations Chair, Melanie Simpkins, and Past President, Susan Wasilewski, are leading our certification efforts.

Other committees hard at work: Our CART Committee led by Gayl Hardeman is putting together guidelines for court reporters so when they are asked to provide CART services, they will be better able to determine if they can accept the assignment or if it should be referred to a Certified CART provider.

Sandy Nargiz, Placement Committee Chair, is requesting that agencies that are looking to hire reporters, please let her know. That way she can pass on your information when reporters contact her looking for work/firms that are hiring.

Membership Committee, chaired by Yours Truly, reached 688 members for 2012. The new cycle is starting and currently we are at 171 renewals. Our information exchanges in 2012 were a great way to spread the word and talk about hot topics in Florida. We will be holding more information exchanges right after the new year, so watch for E-flashes regarding a membership/information exchange in your area.

FCRA has been invited by the University of Miami School of Law to speak about court reporting at a seminar course that includes many topics regarding advanced evidence law and litigation structure. We are very excited for the opportunity to be a part of their learning process!

Our Annual Convention Committee, chaired by Past President, Jennifer Gaul, and co-chair, Director at Large, Lori Bundy, is in the beginning stages of planning next year's mega conference, so stay tuned for more information as the plans develop. Be sure to save the date: July 19-21, 2013, at

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By Christy Aulls Bradshaw, RPR, FPR  
FCR Online Editor

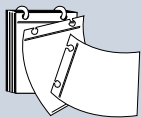
# Lights of Inspiration

For each and every one of us, there are one or two people in our "court reporting lives" who will always be special, either because they took us under their wing, they have somehow made a difference in our careers, or they are just one of a kind. Well, this is my opportunity to brag on the "one of a kind" in my court reporting life.

In 1995, I began reporting in the small town of Inverness, where I hibernated until 1998, when I decided to take a giant step and move to the big city of Gainesville. There I began working for Cindy VanLandingham and Lynn Durscher, of VanLandingham, Durscher & VanLandingham. At first I didn't realize that the second VanLandingham — or most likely, the first VanLandingham in the firm name was the retired Jack VanLandingham. To this day, I have a great working relationship with both Cindy and Lynn, but for whatever reason, I had an instant connection with Jack. There are just certain people who are special and completely catch your attention, and Jack is one of them.

Whenever I knew Jack was in the office, I would always make a trip in; the stories were just endless and always entertaining. He always had me in stitches. Another one of his ventures, he took me to Ocoee to look at Volkswagon Passats, when I needed to get a new car. (After totaling the one I had.) We ended up buying one in Tampa at the car auction, which was a really fun road trip. Those two days were two of the most fun, story-filled days I have ever had.

It has been 14 years since I first met Jack VanLandingham, and even though I don't see him nearly as often as I would like, any opportunity I get I take full advantage of it. Jack just celebrated his 90th birthday, and, boy what an interesting 90 years. Jack was a court reporter from 1961 to 1991, which was just one of his interesting careers. I am including an article that was published about Jack in August of this year; it has been edited slightly by Jack, himself. I hope you all enjoy it as much as I did. (See article on page 7.)



## FCR Online Deadline Dates

<b>(Spring) Feb/Mar/Apr</b> .....	<b>Jan. 5, 2013</b>	<b>(Fall) Aug/Sept/Oct</b> .....	<b>July 5, 2013</b>
<b>Publication Date</b> .....	<b>Feb. 12, 2013</b>	<b>Publication Date</b> .....	<b>Aug. 12, 2013</b>
<b>(Summer) May/June/July</b> .....	<b>April 5, 2013</b>	<b>(Winter) Nov/Dec/Jan</b> .....	<b>Oct. 5, 2013</b>
<b>Publication Date</b> .....	<b>May 12, 2013</b>	<b>Publication Date</b> .....	<b>Nov. 12, 2013</b>



# The History of Florida Certification

*By Jennifer Gaul, CMRS, FPR*

To best decide how to proceed with securing certification for court reporters in Florida, it is critical to understand what has come before us, how we've gotten where we are with our Florida Rules and Statutes and most importantly, what has worked and not worked in the past.

FCRA's pursuit of certification dates back to 1965 when the Florida Shorthand Reporters Association, working through the Florida Legislature, had enacted Chapter 457 of the Florida Statutes entitled "Certified Shorthand Reporter Statute" which established a voluntary certification through Florida's Department of Professional Regulation.

In 1978 that statute was repealed by the Florida Legislature for the following reasons: (1) continuing education was not required; (2) it only applied to stenographic reporters; (3) the RPR examination existed which provided an acceptable standard of competence; (4) the program had 'no teeth' since it was not mandatory; and (5) the State Court System was considered the proper entity to certify court reporters.

Between 1981 and 1985, the Florida Shorthand Reporters Association re-initiated certification – but this time through the Florida Supreme Court. FSRA met with the Deputy Courts Administrator and a Certification Committee was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. At this point in time, the Membership of FSRA voted for mandatory certification of shorthand court reporters.

During the years 1986 and 1987, the State Courts Administrator's Office advised FSRA that the certification program has to include stenomask and electronic reporters. So, FSRA worked with the Florida Bar Rules of Judicial Administration Committee in drafting rules for the certification of court reporters. At this point in time, there was support from the Florida Bar evidenced by their publication of seven legislative positions – one of them including support of certification of court reporters by the Florida Supreme Court.

In 1990, the Certification Planning Committee advised the Florida Court Reporters Association that the Supreme Court felt certification was laudable but it did not have the capacity to support the program. At the same time, legislation introduced by FCRA was enacted as Florida Statute 29.025 (later re-codified as Florida Statute 25.383) which directed the Florida Supreme Court to establish minimum standards and procedures for qualifications, certification, discipline and training of court reporters.

In 1991 and 1992, the Supreme Court heard oral argument on the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee's petition to adopt the rules drafted for the certification of court reporters. The Supreme Court entered an order denying the petition — they approved the process in

concept – but stated their concerns regarding training requirements, possible adverse effects on existing local procedures, grandfather clauses, funding of the program and the alternative of a national process.

In 1995, FCRA began yet another process to prepare legislation for licensing by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. At that time Chief Justice Grimes expressed opposition to the regulation of court reporters by the DBPR and expressed a willingness to administer a certification program. So, at that time the Supreme Court issued an administrative order establishing the Court Reporter Certification Planning Committee to evaluate the feasibility and alternative for certification and to propose rules and administrative policies.

FCRA Past President Judy Everman was appointed to the Certification Planning Committee and between the years 1996 and 1998, the Certification Planning Committee met and drafted the proposed rules for certification. The Supreme Court heard oral argument on those proposed rules and issued an opinion adopting the rules for Certification and Regulation of Court Reporters as well as the amendments to Rule of Judicial Administration 2.535 subject to a legislative appropriation (funding) sufficient to cover the cost of implementing the program.

The rules for certification at this time included the designations that Certified Court Reporters (CCRs) would be required to use: CCR-Stenographic, CCR-Stenomask and CCR-Electronic. The rules also provided for application qualifications, an examination, a waiver of examination, fees associated with certification, continuing education, confidential disciplinary procedures and hearings, sanctions, review of adverse disciplinary dispositions and reinstatement.

In 1997, the Membership of FCRA was divided with respect to the rules for certification – with the lack of a grandfathering clause causing the most concern. There was also concern at that time raised over the composition of the proposed Certification Board not having a more significant presence of stenographic court reporters. In 1999 the Supreme Court issued the following statement: Since this program was not funded by the Legislature, the adoption of the proposed rules and amendments to Rule 2.535 are held in abeyance." Chief Justice Major Harding clarified that there were other priorities for funding and that if the money was available after those priorities were met, certification would be funded.

After years of no visible forward movement toward certification, FCRA Past President Shirley King introduced

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# Having Turned 90, Local Veteran Has Just About Done It All

By Cindy Swirko, Staff Writer, Reprinted from August 4, 2012, Gainesville Sun



Jack VanLandingham sure has done a lot in his life.

He flew Richard Nixon across Africa when Nixon was vice president, and he got to see Haile Selassie — Ethiopia emperor and Rastafarian messiah — in the process.

He's met a ton of old-time celebs — Gary Cooper and Carole Lombard among them. He even raced Johnny Weissmuller, an Olympic gold medalist in swimming and portrayer of Tarzan, at a Miami hotel.

As a court reporter, he worked cases with former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno when she was a state attorney in Miami.

He's been shot and was given the gun that inflicted the damage. He joined the Navy and served in World War II and then became a parachute instructor.

VanLandingham has had such a full life that the Most Interesting Man in the World of the Dos Equis beer commercials has nothing on him.

And recently he was guest of honor at a party celebrating his 90th birthday.

"I don't talk about my life much because people say, 'This guy's got to be kidding.' But I would do it three times over," VanLandingham said, amid several tables of friends and family including his wife, Cindy, at Napolitano's restaurant in Gainesville.

Born and raised in Miami — itself a rarity given his age — VanLandingham began celebrity-spotting early. His mother worked at Miami hotels and VanLandingham as a young

teenager would hang around. He got to meet boxer Max Baer, baseball player Babe Ruth and Weissmuller. He also met a number of actors and actresses.

VanLandingham, a father of three, joined the Navy out of Edison High School. He ended up in aviation and traveled around the world during his 21 years in the service. He served in World War II.

Having spent time throughout Africa, VanLandingham was tapped to be plane captain/flight engineer for Vice President Nixon because of his familiarity with the continent when Nixon took a trip there in 1957.

"They were very nice to me. I was with him 11 days," he said. "I got to take a look at Haile Selassie."

VanLandingham became a master parachute instructor in the Navy and did aerobic parachute jumping exhibitions for the Navy during airshows.

Meanwhile, VanLandingham was shot while still in the Navy in an incident at Naval Air Station Sanford. But he ended up saving two lives, and the suspect was killed that evening by a posse in Osteen. VanLandingham was unconscious for 30 days. He was later given the gun that was used to shoot him.

Retiring from the Navy, VanLandingham worked as a court reporter in Miami. That brought him into contact with notable lawyers and some high-profile criminals.

Eventually VanLandingham moved to Gainesville and worked as a court reporter here. He, his wife, and their partner, Lynn Durscher, own VanLandingham, Durscher and VanLandingham Court Reporters.

VanLandingham's son, Eric, said he is amazed by all his father has done while his brother-in-law, John Ervin, said he is always learning new things about the man.

"Every time you talk to him, you find out a tidbit about this and a tidbit about that," Ervin said. "I didn't know about the parachute jumping until probably six months ago."

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# The History of Florida Certification

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the concept of a voluntary certification program to the Board of Directors in 2005. Shirley King and Judy Everman developed the framework for what is now known as the Florida Professional Certification program which was established to educate reporters of all methodologies in the Federal and State Rules and Statutes regarding court reporting. It was also envisioned that at a future time, when funding became available for certification in Florida, that the FPR seminar and examination could be considered as a foundation for mandatory certification. The very first FPR seminar and test was administered January 21, 2006.

During this same time frame, the Supreme Court had established the Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability in 2002 for the purpose of proposing policies and procedures related to efficient and effective resource management, performance measurement and accountability of Florida's trial courts.

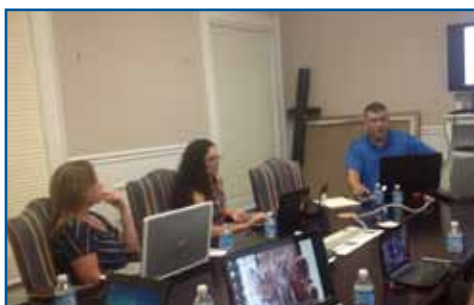
The TCP&A Court Reporting Workgroup was charged with recommending statute and rule revisions, standards of operation, and best practices for court reporting services in our trial courts. Within this Workgroup's report it was noted: "The qualifications of court reporters have a significant impact on the effectiveness of court reporting services from the actual monitoring of a proceeding to the production of a quality transcript."

The Workgroup also went on to note that a certification program has been deliberated by the Supreme Court for many years and that the primary cause for not implementing the program was the lack of positions appropriated by the Legislature to perform the necessary duties involved in establishing and maintaining the program.

"The importance of using qualified employees and contractors cannot be overemphasized as a best practice, yet there are valid concerns about the high cost of achieving professional certification when the cost of such certification is not funded by the state and because Florida does not have a court-sponsored certification program. Thus, mandating the certification of stenographers, digital court reporters, and transcribers as a standard of operation as opposed to a best practice is simply not realistic at this time. Similarly, real-time certification for court employees should not be mandated, however, circuits should ensure the availability of real-time contract service providers should the need arise."

In 2008, when the Florida Bar Rules Committees were addressing rule changes that impacted court reporters in Florida, an FCRA Task Force was appointed to put together information and historical data responsive to a request for information from Attorney Stanford Solomon. At that time FCRA went on the record: With the implementation of Article V and the use of alternate methodologies in creating the record in Florida, FCRA's desire to be involved in this process of change has never been stronger. Our membership recently voted to expand our association to represent reporters utilizing voice technology and we continue to explore the path to being an 'all-inclusive' association dedicated to educating all 'guardians of the record' as well as developing and maintaining the standards of professionalism our legal community expects and deserves.

Bringing us now to the present, through our Government Relations Committee, with Susan Wasilewski and Melanie Simpkins leading the charge, FCRA is again poised to renew the pursuit of certification with strong and determined Membership support.



## JAX TRAIN has Left the Station!

The first session of the Jacksonville T.R.A.I.N. seminar left the station on September 8, followed by repeat "trips" on September 22 and 29, due to an overwhelming response from reporters in this area of Florida.



"Conductors" Marie Splane and her business partner, Dan Bishop, CLVS, presented the inaugural "trip," explaining what T.R.A.I.N. is all about and why we all need to be on board. After setting the stage for T.R.A.I.N.'s purpose, Dan Bishop took over and demonstrated in detail how to ensure the correct settings of the most important piece of our equipment (aside from a writer) — the notebook/laptop computer. Participants followed along with their personal laptops as power settings and microphone/audiosync settings were addressed in detail setting the stage for trouble-free realtime.



# Odds and Ends...

By Robin Merker

**FCRA Mentor Program Update:** Several more students have been matched with mentors. We keep adding to our volunteer mentor list, so don't be shy — we're here when you need us!

**High on the student wish list right now:** Speed tapes at any speed or subject, fingering exercise books, and real-life trial audio. If any reporters have materials they would like to donate, contact FCRA or me directly, and we will get them to students. We have a Drop Box account set up for any current trial audio for reporters to drop in and for students to copy out audio files. Just let me know and I'll send out a Drop Box invitation so you can easily share it with our students!

Also, for those of you with older wheeled cases you're not using because you've upgraded, consider donating them to the closest court reporting school. Your old case may make a student or new reporter's life much more manageable!

Congratulations to all of the students who took the **Fall FPR in Ft. Lauderdale**. Having the FPR under your belt by the time you're ready to interview will not only give you more confidence to handle whatever comes up once you're working, but can really give you an edge when looking for the perfect position.

As a profession, we rely heavily on computers to get our work done. As students, you use computers every day both at school and in your personal life. However, most of us have never taken a basic computer course outside of some CAT software training and we really don't know anything more than the minimum necessary to accomplish what we want. So pay close attention: Control + Z. (For those of you who recognize it, you'd be amazed how many people don't know this command. You can skip this paragraph, I won't be offended!) If there was only one computer tip I could share, it would be Control + Z, the universal Windows Undo. Most CAT softwares have it as well. If you're in your email and you delete something you've typed, Control + Z will bring it back. If you delete an actual email in your inbox, Control + Z can bring it back. If you're using Microsoft Word, Notepad, Excel, etc., it can undo whatever mistake you may have made. Two caveats: One, if you've used Shift+Delete in deleting emails — that's permanent, it's not coming back. Two, if you've closed out of the file, once you go back into the file Control + Z doesn't work.

Finally, even though the **FCRA Annual Convention is not until July 2013, it's not too soon to start making plans to attend**. Just ask any of our students from this summer's convention and they'll tell you what a great time they had and how invaluable the experience was!

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## Hitting the Ground Running

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the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs.

I would like to thank our Board and Committees for all their hard work so far this year. It's only been three short months and look at what you've accomplished!

Immediate Past President, Rick Levy, thank you for volunteering to step into the Secretary board position. You're a true team player and it is much appreciated!

Please don't forget about the Face Your Fears goals for this year. I'm looking forward to sharing success stories with our membership at the next Annual Convention. If you did not fill out your goal sheet in June, we will be sending it out again soon to all the members. One of our goals this year is for each of us to become better individually, which will make us stronger as an association. If you've always wanted to mentor a student, or join a committee, or learn how to write

realtime, let's make it happen this year!!! You can't get better at what you do by staying in your comfort zone.

Thank you all for the honor and privilege of leading FCRA this year. We are working diligently on the goals you have asked us to embark upon. We'll be surveying our membership again in the future to ensure we're on the right track and serving your needs, so that is the time for your voice to be heard. We look forward to hearing from you.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. See you all soon.

# Spotlight on Vicki Johnson, RMR, CRR, CCP, CBC, Broadcast Captioner



Submitted by Lisa B. Johnston, RMR, CRR, CCP, CBC

**How long have you been a court reporter?** Since 1977.

**How did you choose court reporting as a career?** After high school, I was working as a secretary for a mortgage company and grew bored. My boss told me about his niece who was a court reporter and what her job entailed and I was immediately drawn to that.

I attended Court Reporting College in Tampa and became close friends with another student in class and we had a friendly competition and we both set school speed records and were given trophies. She was definitely a positive influence on me.

**When did you become a broadcast captioner?** In 2002.

**What is a typical day like (if there is one!) as a broadcast captioner?** Definitely there is no typical day and that is the appeal of this job. I work for VITAC and do a variety of shows and my schedule changes every three months, which I love; it is like Christmas every few months anxiously waiting to see which of the choices your new schedule will be. I like the variety of working early morning, midday, evening, or late evening.

**What is the difference between being a court reporter and a captioner?** The main difference is the bulk of your work is the advance prep and realizing how important it is to prep for each show's needs. You can be an experienced captioner, but if you don't do the adequate prep, which takes self-control and discipline, you will not have given the best you can do as a writer for both your company and those watching your captions. When you prep the event and names well and give yourself enough time in advance of your shows, you also enjoy your job so much more and are proud of the work you put out. As a captioner, it is important to be knowledgeable about current events and issues of the day that can be mentioned in any show you caption. Another thing is your mindset has to be different in that you are to write as verbatim as possible, but not at the risk of putting out untranslates or mistranslates. So as you are writing, you are thinking and deciding if you can write it as fast as they are saying it. And if it isn't in your dictionary, then you have that split second to decide whether you have time to fingerspell or not, and write it in as readable a format as you can. This is why you have to put so much time into prep in advance, as there is no afterwards.

**What are some memorable assignments you've had as a broadcast captioner?** Last year I captioned the

Winter Olympics and four years ago I captioned the Summer Olympics. I also captioned the London Summer Olympics this year. You could not just prep for your sport you were captioning, as there were short highlight shows in-between the games and announcers interviewing who had just received medals and talking about the events of the day. You had to be prepared for it all! The foreign names were unbelievable, as to spellings and guessing the pronunciations, not just for your sport, but so many others, such as previous winners, the dignitaries from the different countries, and anything else interesting that happened.

**What are some positive aspects in being a broadcast captioner?** Each day the news brings ups and downs, as I sit in my office and go around the world through captioning and learn so many things I would otherwise have never taken the time to learn. I love not getting dressed for work, wearing my pajamas and being sooo comfortable when working; controlling my own thermostat and not freezing because the judge likes it cold, and having my own heater to keep my fingers warm and nimble, allowing me to be in MY environment for me to write my best. And, oh, yes, sitting in a comfortable chair that I picked out!

**What are some negative aspects in being a broadcast captioner?** Unusual hours and regular weekend work. Also, going to the bank and looking down and seeing I am still wearing my slippers!!

**Do you miss anything about court reporting and covering depositions, court, etc.?** I enjoyed it very much and I have great, great memories, like reporting the Gainesville Student Murders depositions and trial in realtime in the early days of realtime and traveling to different states because the attorneys wanted realtime for all their work. I miss the relationships that developed between attorneys, judges, and court personnel.

**Tell us about yourself. What do you like to do in your spare time?** I am a sign language interpreter at church for a very faithful Deaf lady who keeps me appreciating so much in my life I would otherwise take for granted. I love signing, but I am not certified and I am still working on my reception skills. My husband and I are members of Faithriders Motorcycle Group and ride for faith events with our friends, and it's great finding a new place to ride to and eat out all the time...the best part!

# FCRA welcomes the following new members

(Includes all members who joined as of November 1, 2012)

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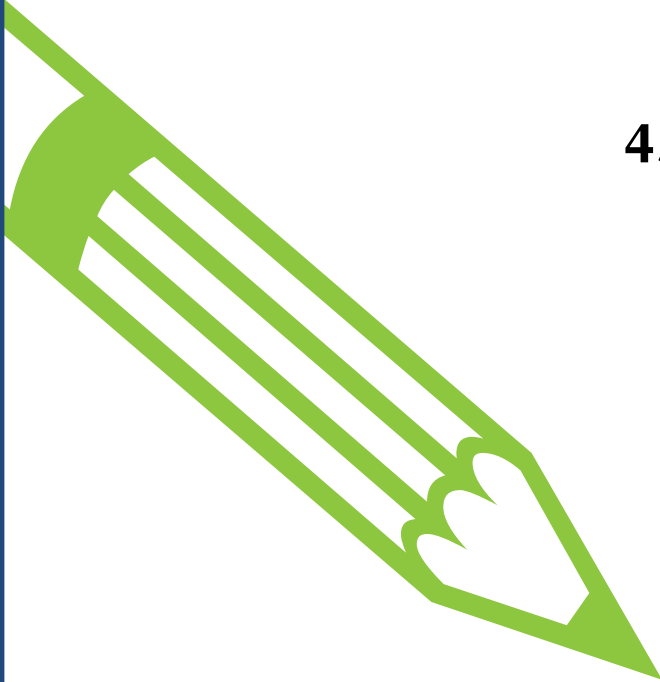
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## Florida Court Reporters Association

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\*Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ NCRA # \_\_\_\_\_ NVRA # \_\_\_\_\_

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