

# A Career in Court Reporting.... *inside & outside the courtroom*



**From  
Hear ...**

**...To  
Here...**



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# One Set of Skills..... Four Career Options

»» The choice is yours.

# Judicial Reporting



- Official Court Reporters
- Freelance Court Reporters

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# CART

(Communication Access Realtime Translation)



# Do you have an interest in....

- ▶ Increasing your vocabulary??
- ▶ Gaining knowledge of various subjects without having to pay tuition??
- ▶ Ever-evolving Technology??





**But there's no need to  
stop there....**



# THE STENO KEYBOARD



TKPW AO D  
PH O RPB G  
RBGS  
HR PBLG  
FPLT

**Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen.**



# The Role of the Official Court Reporter in the Judicial System

- Ensuring the accuracy of the record
- Providing a transcript that is
  - Quickly accessible
    - Realtime feed
    - Quick turnaround w/ Computer Aided Transcription
  - Readily useable
    - Paper transcripts
    - Emailed transcripts in PDF or RTF

# A Day in the Life of an Official Court Reporter

- ▶ Familiarize yourself with the nature of the case by reviewing the court file
- ▶ Prepare a job dictionary of names & legal terms
- ▶ Attend the trial or hearing
- ▶ Prepare transcripts of trials or hearings as requested
- ▶ Prepare recordings of proper names and legal terms
- ▶

Just when you think you've heard it  
all... you haven't!!

# LIAR, LIAR

MR. OWENS: Yes, Judge, **and I have nothing else to say.** The statute, Illinois Supreme Court Rule 413, clearly allows the State to have certain evidence which is detailed in Rule 413. Each of the items that we are requesting in our motion, the blood, the saliva, the hair, and handwriting samples of the defendant, all come within the purview of Illinois Supreme Court Rule 413...

# THE WITNESS OBJECTS

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: At this point, Your Honor, we would ask the Court to recognize the witness as the defendant -- I mean, as an expert.

THE COURT: Any objection?

DEFENSE ATTORNEY: No.

THE WITNESS: I object. I don't want to be a defendant.

# TAKE IT OUTSIDE

DEFENSE ATTORNEY: I didn't get it. That's what the State has done throughout this trial.

STATE'S ATTORNEY: If Mr. X is going to accuse me of unethical behavior, can he please put it in the form of a motion?

DEFENSE ATTORNEY: I am not accusing you --

STATE'S ATTORNEY: That's exactly what you are doing, through the course of the trial, and we are going to have more than words if you continue.



# JUDGE, LOOK AT ALL THE NEW WORDS I FOUND IN THE DICTIONARY

THE DEFENDANT: All right. Your Honor, there are cataclysmic events and moments in our lives, I feel, when we in retrospect do not always choose a more prudent and available option, and my standing before you right now in your courtroom have a direct consequence of such a moment. I am sincerely and regrettably sorry for my egregious decision that night to have avoided the entire incident that caused me to act irrationally.

Please, Your Honor, if I may state, that prior to this incident my jaded past will show I am not a violent individual. It is the incontrovertible truth that my judgmental decision was not the correct choice, and for this admission, Your Honor, I beg the Court for a lenient decision.

# A NEW KIND OF OFFICE

Q. Okay. You said that King's Tavern is your office, right?

A. Right.

Q. I think that generated some laughter because it's not really your office, is it?

A. I call it my office every day.


Q. Okay.

A. I do a lot of paperwork there.

Q. You go there and you drink, right?

A. Well, yeah. I don't go in there for ice cream.

# Top 5 Reasons to Consider a Career as an Official Court Reporter

- Degree/certification possible in 2–3 years
  - Competitive starting salary
  - Additional transcript income
  - Excellent benefits
  - Professional working environment
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# Secondary Education Options

- St. Louis Community College – St. Louis, MO [www.stlcc.edu](http://www.stlcc.edu)
- Midstate College – Peoria [www.midstate.edu](http://www.midstate.edu)
- South Suburban College – Oak Forest [www.southsuburbancollege.edu](http://www.southsuburbancollege.edu)
- MacCormac College – Chicago [www.maccormac.edu](http://www.maccormac.edu)
- Prince Institute (Great Lakes) – Schaumburg [www.princeinstitute.edu](http://www.princeinstitute.edu)
- College of Court Reporting – Hobart, IN (online) [www.ccr.edu](http://www.ccr.edu)