

Breakthrough to Excellence

NORTH CAROLINA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

Hilton Garden Inn Waverly Charlotte

7415 Waverly Walk Avenue, Charlotte, NC

April 29-30, 2023

Total Credits: 1.10 (pending)

Saturday, April 29

8:00 — 8:30 a.m.

Registration—Second Floor Conference Room (across from elevator)



Marybeth Everhart

Marybeth Everhart, RPR, CRI, has been reporting since 1980 and writing realtime since 1992. She has been a freelance reporter in the Baltimore-Washington area; an official reporter in Brisbane, Australia; provided CART services to such organizations as Self Help for Hard of Hearing and the Neurofibromatosis Foundation; captioned for Gallaudet University; managed a large, multi-office freelance firm; taught court reporting at all levels; and trained on numerous CAT systems over the years. Marybeth is now the National Marketing Manager for Realtime Coach and works closely with reporting schools, firms, and court systems to increase speed and improve accuracy for students and working reporters. She has served as a member of the NCRA Future Group, the NCRA Reporter Education Commission, and 10X10 Committee. She currently serves as a member of the NCRA Technology Evaluation Committee, is a contributing editor to the Journal of Court Reporting and the Eclipse Users Group Newscache.

8:30 — 10:00 a.m.

Honing Your Skills With Realtime Coach

(0.15 credits)

There are many benefits to continuing to improve your skills—less editing time, increased income potential, more free time, to name just a few. But, who has time to devote to the process of honing your skills, especially with a family, working full-time, and all the obligations that life holds? In this seminar, Marybeth will show you how you can improve your accuracy, increase your speed, and prepare for new certifications in as little as 15 minutes a day!

10:00—10:30 a.m.

Break



Jennifer Bonfilio

10:30 — 12:00 p.m.

(0.15 credits)

Jennifer began her court reporting career in 1984, working as a freelance reporter for several agencies in New Jersey. In 1994 she was selected as the first CART provider at Princeton University. It was then she was bit by the CART bug! Ms. Bonfilio is a self-taught realtime writer and created her own realtime theory over the last 25 years. Once the Princeton student graduated in 1999, Ms. Bonfilio gave up court reporting for good and moved to Pittsburgh to begin training as a broadcast captioner. This time she was bit by the captioning bug! She obtained the following certifications throughout her career: CSR, RPR, CRR, RMR, CBC and CCP -- all on the first try. Jennifer has an extensive history as a business owner, CART provider, seminar presenter, and Eclipse trainer.

Captioning Demonstration

This seminar is designed to introduce court reporters to the field of CART & Captioning through the presenter’s experiences. They will witness a live demonstration of a captioner writing to a recorded event. The captioner will pause to explain how she manages certain situations with milliseconds to make decisions. This will be an interactive session with questions and answers throughout.

12:00 — 12:45 p.m.

Lunch (provided at conference room)

12:45 — 1:00 p.m.

NCCRA Annual Meeting

1:00 — 1:15 p.m.

Break



Mike Hensley

(presenting remotely)

Mike Hensley, RDR, is a freelance deposition reporter from Dublin, California. He is a leader of the new generation of court reporters, having completed his entire schooling remotely and online. Despite being young within the profession, Mike has worked hard to achieve goals that are highly valuable in the industry. His greatest achievement is obtaining RDR certification within the first five years of being a court reporter. He has also covered a wide array of proceeding types including complex technical, pharmaceutical, and intellectual property cases while providing realtime transcripts to those clients. Technology provides for some of his greatest thrills, and he has a strong passion for inspiring and teaching others to develop new skills and abilities in many aspects of the court reporting trade. His energy and enthusiasm are infectious and will inspire seminar audiences to seize the day and turn their dream goals into realities.

1:15 — 2:15 p.m.

Easy Peasy Lemon Squeezy

(0.10 credits)

You've heard the adage “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” In this seminar, discover mental strategies and problem-solving skills that you can apply to your professional and personal activities in order to turn mountains into molehills and be the successful person you know you can be.

2:15 — 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 — 3:30 p.m.
(0.10 credits)

Tech Talk



Mike Hensley
(presenting remotely)

You want it, you got it! It's the seminar that every tech-obsessed stenographer will want to attend. Join Mike Hensley for a fast-paced, fun-filled exploration of the best accessories, apps, and hacks for your life as a stenographic professional. Everyone is welcome! Yes, that means captioners, court reporters, students, and anyone else with an uninhibited love for the hottest trends in technology.

3:30 — 4:00 p.m.

Break



Max Curry

Max Curry, B.C.R., RPR, LCR, CRI, CCR, is a 34-year veteran real-time stenographic reporter, having reported his entire career in the state of Tennessee. Max has served in various positions on the Tennessee Court Reporters Association over the course of 20 years, also assisting with legislative endeavors affecting the court reporting industry in Tennessee. Max completed his NCRA Board service in 2021, having served in 2019-2020 as NCRA President. He is the owner and senior real-time reporter of Elite-Brentwood Reporting Services based out of Nashville, with satellite offices around the state of Tennessee. Max and his spouse enjoy gourmet cooking and traveling nationwide as well as internationally.

4:00 — 5:15 p.m.
(0.15 credits)

Surviving an IRS Audit as a Court Reporter

What if you received that dreaded letter in the mail... "The IRS would like to look at your receipts for "X" expenses for the year 2020." GULP!! This presentation centers on the skills developed and knowledge learned by Max Curry, court reporting firm owner and NCRA leader, upon maneuvering the pitfalls and trials of a full-blown IRS audit of his company and himself personally! Prepare to fortify yourself individually or as a small or medium-sized firm owner with knowledge to help prepare you for the potential of such an event in your professional life so that you can manage the process successfully!

6:15 — 7:15 p.m.

Dinner (provided at conference room)

7:15 — 8:15 p.m.

Escape Room (on hotel premises)

(0.10 credits)

Join us for a fun-filled hour for an escape room activity. We will divide into teams and compete to see who can "Breakthrough to Excellence" first!

Sunday, April 30

8:30 — 9:30 a.m.
(0.10 credits)



Marybeth Everhart

9:30 — 9:45 a.m.

9:45 — 10:45 a.m.
(0.10 credits)



Jennifer Bonfilio

10:45 — 11:00 a.m.

11:00 — 12:15 p.m.
(0.15 credits)



Max Curry

Pass Your Next Skills Test!

Reporters and students know: *passing the test* makes all the difference—financially, professionally, and personally. Come learn the secrets from those who have been there, done that. Come away with practical tips you can use now to pass your next test with flying colors!

Break

Captioning: I always wanted to try that!

Have you always been curious about captioning? Maybe someday...? This is your chance to get your hands dirty and see what it's like to caption. Bring your writers and laptops and get ready, set, go! Get instruction from a working captioner on how to improve your writing, whether you ever take the leap into the field of captioning or not.

Break

Fear ... Let it Go!

Fear is the death of hopes and dreams. It is the great demoralizer and the paralysis that prevents positive changes and events from happening in life. The known is comfortable; the known is safe. But the comfort of "known" is motivated by fear! Only when we step out of our comfort zone and challenge ourselves – challenge our own ideas, our skills and abilities, our ambitions and expectations – can we truly discover the remarkable opportunities that await us in life! Find a healthier way to navigate personal and professional life and empower yourself with a new way of making decisions by overcoming your fear: Make decisions based on facts and knowledge, not by reacting out of fear of "what if?" Overcoming your fear opens you up to a life of abundance.

Results of Silent Auction

Thank you for joining us! See you at our next conference!