



## North Carolina Court Reporters Association 2026 Fall Virtual Conference Agenda Saturday, September 12, 2026

9:30 am - 12:15 pm

Total Credits: 0.25 CEUs (NCRA Approved)

Total Credits: 2.5 CEUs (NVRA Approved)



### **9:30 am - 11:00 am      Panel Discussion: What do I do now?      .15 CEUs**

The panel will share real world war stories and present viable responses, i.e., utilizing ethics, COPE, best practices, NCCRA and NCRA rules. Questions and personal situations welcome, interactive sharing.

Panel will include the following, as well as other Board members:



#### **KRISTY CLARK, RPR, CRR, CSR, NCCRA President**

Kristy Clark began her court reporting career in August of 2001 in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she spent her first 10 years doing primarily freelance deposition work. During her last seven years in Las Vegas, she worked with a judge providing daily real time output.

In 2018, Kristy moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, and has been covering freelance deposition work as well as still traveling to cover federal trials. Also, during her career in Nevada, she served on the Nevada Court Reporters Association for 10 years in various positions, including president. Kristy also served on the NCRA TRAIN Committee in 2014 and has attended annual NCSA meetings as the Nevada delegate.

Currently she holds her RPR, Nevada CCR, California CSR, as well as Notary Public for the states of Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC, and North Carolina.



#### **JENNIFER VAIL-KIRKBRIDE, RPR, RMR, CRR, FCRR, WV-CRR, NCCRA Vice President**

Jenny and her husband moved to Ocean Isle Beach, NC in 2021 from WV, longing for those beautiful North Carolina blue sky days and the beach. Retiring after 30 years as an official reporter in the U.S. District Court in WV, she has been freelancing in both WV and NC, holding both NC and WV notaries. Jenny has enjoyed being on the board of USCRA, including as its president; and WVCRA, doing two stints as president; and at NCRA on the PAC committee and as WV's delegate to NCSA. I am honored to be serving on NCCRA's board of directors and look forward to meeting my colleagues from around the state!



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### 9:30 am - 11:00 am Panel Discussion: What do I do now? (cont'd)



**JENNIFER M. BONFILIO, CSR, CCR, CRR, RMR, CCP, CRC, NCCRA Director**

Jennifer is a freelance court reporter and steno captioner living in the beautiful mountains of Asheville with her wife, Shannan, and adorable pug, Georgie. She has been in the field for over 40 years. She started her career in New Jersey, where she was a freelance court reporter for 15 years. She discovered CART and loved it, providing services for a deaf student at Princeton University for four years. Next, she moved to Pittsburgh to train to be a broadcast captioner. Jennifer worked as a captioner and CART provider for the next 27 years, including a stint at Yankee Stadium for the New York Yankees' 2009 season. She currently serves a number of universities and professional sports teams, specializing in sports stadium captioning and commencement ceremonies. This year she has decided to return to her first love — court reporting — and obtained certifications in California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, and Washington. She holds the following certifications from NCRA: (RPR), CRR, RMR, (CBC), CCP, and CRC.

### 11:00 am - 11:15 am BREAK

### 11:15 am - 12:15 pm Beyond the Record: Building Trust, Professional Relationships, and Long-Term Success in an AI-Driven World .10 CEUs



**DEBRA B. FARFAN, CSR (CA), CCR (NV), RDR, CRR, CRC, CCRR, CCG, PRESENTER**

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Debra is a nationally recognized realtime court reporter, agency owner, educator, and speaker with 28 years of experience in trials, depositions, CART, captioning, and litigation support. Owner of Realtime Depos & Trials, LLC.

As AI, digital recording, and automated transcription continue to reshape the legal industry, court reporters must differentiate themselves through trust, professionalism, reliability, and service.

This presentation focuses on building stronger relationships with attorneys, reporting agencies, and colleagues while developing the professional habits that lead to repeat business, long-term success, and a stronger profession.

*Thank you for joining us!*