



# New York State Court Reporters Association 2019 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

## *Bagels, Lox & Camaraderie*

**Our first-ever ALL-KOSHER event!**

**Sunday, February 17, 2019  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Jewish Children's Museum  
792 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11213**

### AGENDA

#### **5-6 pm**

Registration, Socializing, Networking and Vendor Hall  
Enjoy fresh NY bagels!

#### **6-7 pm**

The main hour of the event will commence with a greeting by the President of NYSCRA, **Nancy Silberger**. Our keynote speaker is federal court official **Rivka Teich**. Rivka will talk about each of us recognizing the rockstar within ourselves; why we shouldn't be complacent with the status quo, but aim higher in our profession. She will give some personal experiences on getting the word out to others about what we do, and why it's important to keep our options and minds open to all the branches court reporting has to offer. **Debra Levinson**, owner of DALCO Reporting and chair of the voluntary certification testing committee, will speak about the value of obtaining state certification, which New York State's Office of Court Administration has recently agreed to accept as a condition for provisional employment. Finally, NYSCRA President-elect **Joshua Edwards**, a full-time CART captioner, will explain what it was like transitioning from verbatim legal work to captioning in college and theaters. Josh will also demonstrate real-time captioning during the event.

#### **7-8 pm**

(3 Concurrent Sessions)

##### **Session 1:**

##### **TAME YOUR DICTIONARY**

Presented By: **Anthony D. Frisolone**, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRI, CSR, Certified Case CATalyst Trainer

In this seminar, learn how to maintain your personal dictionary for maximum translation using your Case CATalyst software. Learn how to sort, filter, search for, use the proper format symbols and much more. Learn techniques from a veteran realtime writer on how to get a better realtime translation by using dictionary priorities in Case CATalyst. Also learn about a new Version 20 feature called "Brief My Dictionary."

##### **Session 2:**

##### **THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ECLIPSE BUT SHOULD**

Presented by: **Vera Monaco**, RPR, Certified Eclipse Trainer

In this seminar, learn how to turn hyperkeys on and how to use them. Discuss Eclipse's Translation Magic and how it can work for you. Learn about Auto Briefs. Vera will demonstrate the world of Connection Magic for you. She'll briefly talk about how to set it up and then end with Q & A.

##### **Session 3:**

##### **STUDENT Q & A PANEL**

Moderated by: **Reid Goldsmith**, CRI

Court reporting students will be treated to an exclusive panel made up of various professionals within court reporting and captioning and will include discussions regarding court reporting as a career. Attendees will have the chance to learn about what it's like to work in each of the fields. They will be invited to submit questions in advance so that our panelists can prepare responses. The session will end with an open forum.

The panel will be comprised of **Sharon Pearce**, RMR, CRR, NYRCR, a freelance realtime reporter; **Nicole Kochy**, RPR, CRR, CRC, a closed captioner; **Ricky Woonteiler**, a CART provider; and **Nancy Silberger**, an official reporter.

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### Speaker Bios:

#### **Nancy Silberger**

Nancy has been a court reporter since 1978, first as a freelancer and then joined the New York State court system as an official in 2008, working in criminal court for seven years and then promoted to Kings County Supreme Court in 2015, where she is still working today.

Nancy is the current president of The New York State Court Reporters Association after serving as President-elect of NYSCRA.

Nancy has also taught two Steno A-Z programs where six of her students successfully went on to court reporting programs.

Nancy has been an active member of NYSCRA since the beginning of her career and continues to remain active as an advocate of court reporting.

#### **Rivka Teich, CSR, RPR, RMR, FCRR**

Rivka is currently a Federal Official reporter in the Eastern District in NY. She previously worked at the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of NY for 15 years. She then became an official in Brooklyn state court for two years. And that has now led her to her present position in EDNY. She is in her 20th year of working as a reporter.

Rivka has been influential in recruiting others to join the reporting field, has conducted the A-to-Z Steno series, and organized career fairs focusing on the court reporting profession. She holds a CSR, RPR, RMR and FCRR.

#### **Debra A. Levinson, CSR, RMR, CRR, CMRS, CRI**

Debra has been a court reporter in the Metropolitan New York area since 1974. An initial employment as hearing reporter with the NYS Department of Labor led to a career in freelancing. In 1992, she founded DALCO Reporting with offices in Westchester, Manhattan, and the Bronx.

State and national credentials have always been her professional priority. She most recently wrote the "Perfect Transcript" at the 2016 NYSCRA convention, and in 2012 qualified for the NCRA realtime contest.

Her appointments have included: NYS Board of Regents, Department of Education; National Court Reporters Association, Taking Realtime Awareness Innovation Nationwide, Technology Committee Member, Intersteno Task Force Member; and the New York State Court Reporters Association, Voluntary Certification Committee.

Debra is currently CEO of DALCO and continues to advocate for graduate-level skills of working reporters.

#### **Joshua Edwards, RPR, RMR, CRR, RDR**

Joshua is a full-time CART captioner in New York City. He is involved in mentoring court reporting students through both the National Court Reporters Association and the New York State Court Reporters Association. Formerly he managed the stenographic reporting service of eScribers LLC and spent a year as a federal official.

Joshua earned all the NCRA certifications (RPR, RMR, CRR, RDR) in the first five years of being in the field. He is President-elect of NYSCRA and serves as a member of the Voluntary Certification Testing Committee.

#### **Anthony D. Frisolone, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, CRI, CSR**

Stenograph Certified Independent Training Agent & NCRA Credentialed Realtime Systems Administrator

Since 2008, Anthony has been a Certified Independent Training Agent with Stenograph training court reporters and CART providers in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and beyond.

Anthony moderates his own Facebook page where he answers questions as well as posts advice on how to better utilize Case CATalyst. Anthony has had articles published in many court reporter associations' publications across the United States.

Anthony is also a court reporter with over 20 years of on-the-job experience. He is an Official Court Reporter in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. As a working court reporter, Anthony approaches teaching Case CATalyst from a practical point of view to better assist his clients.

#### **Vera Monaco, RPR**

Certified Eclipse Trainer

Vera has been a senior court reporter at Kings County Supreme Court since 2004. She originally started freelancing in 1993 and gained her experience through the years by working in civil court, criminal court, also by working on depositions with realtime output, as well as doing public hearings. She also is a certified Eclipse trainer. She trains her fellow supreme court reporters during the holiday breaks in seminars held by the union. Vera serves as first vice president of the Association of Surrogate and Supreme Court Reporters and has been instrumental in helping her fellow reporters.

#### **Reid M. Goldsmith, CRI**

Reid retired as an official in NYS Supreme Court after 39-plus years. After graduating Dominick Tursi's court reporting school, he began working as a freelance court reporter. Passing a NYS test, he became an

official hearing reporter for NYS Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance. He then passed NY State's court test, becoming an official reporter for NYS Family Court. After passing the NYS Senior Court Reporter exam, he became an official Senior Court Reporter, Queens Supreme Court, in 1983 until his retirement in 2014 as an official with over 39 years.

While being a member of the Association of Surrogate and Supreme Court Reporters' union, Reid was also elected to the Union's Executive Committee as well as being appointed to their technology committee.

Reid is also a member of both the NCRA and a Board member of NYSCRA while continuing to remain active in the field.

#### **Sharon Pearce, RMR, CRR, NYRCR**

Sharon has been a freelance realtime court reporter for 5 years. Court reporting was a calling for her and not just a career. She practiced 7 days a week, 3 hours a day, and she got to 225 wpm in 11 months. Sharon started working per diem at Southern District Federal Court right out of school. Since she began working, her success has had exponential growth because of her insatiable hunger to succeed.

Sharon dislikes routine and being a freelance court reporter has given her the ability to make her own hours, make time for herself and her hobbies, and has given her financial freedom.

#### **Nicole Kochy, RPR, CRR, CRC**

Nicole was a freelance court reporter for more than 10 years when she started CART captioning in 2005. She became a broadcast captioner in 2012, first as an employee of a large captioning company and then soon after transitioned to be an independent contractor.

Nicole does both broadcast captioning and CART captioning. Her experience includes providing captions, both remotely and on-site, for live newscasts, live events, webinars, meetings and classes.

Nicole lives in New Jersey with her husband, Craig and 12-year-old son, Tyler.

#### **Ricky Woonteiler**

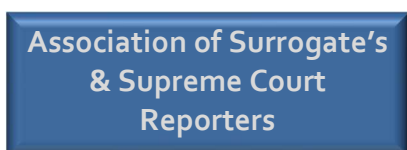
Ricky is 24 years old, born and bred in Brooklyn, NY. She graduated from NYCI and has been working in the field over three years. She started off as a freelancer for a few months and then transitioned into CART. She currently works through TotalCaption at Columbia University. She has captioned a variety of classes for her students, including Art History, Human Rights, and Metaphysics.

Ricky has always been helping those with disabilities and knew she wanted to use her court reporting skills to do just that.

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