

AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION
11:00 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.	DICTIONARY BUILDING FOR EXCELLENT STENOGRAPHIC REALTIME .20 CEUs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve translation accuracy 2. Develop a strategy for further dictionary building 3. Set yourself apart from speech-to-text voice recognition technology by continuing to improve writing skills and adding words to your CAT dictionaries 4. A-Z wordlist - PDF resource - will be provided
12:55 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	BREAK	
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	“DON’T SPEND THE MONEY IF YOU DON’T PUT IN THE WORK” .15 CEUs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Testing process 2. Know how the test will be graded 3. Create a separate user file just for tests 4. Identify your weaknesses 5. Structured practice 6. Deliberate practice outcomes 7. Know which goal-oriented practice structure will work for you 8. Identify your learning style that will improve the outcome of your practice
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
3:00 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.	REALTIME HARDWARE .10 CEUs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hardware for Eclipse – Main hardware, accessories, and connectivity for different realtime outputs 2. Hardware for Case CATalyst – Main hardware, accessories, and connectivity for different realtime outputs
3:55 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	BREAK	
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	CASE CATALYST SETTINGS AND MORE TO REDUCE REALTIME SWEATING! (Case CATalyst Software) .15 CEUs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify various settings to optimize realtime translation 2. Realtime commands dictionary 3. AccelerWriters
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4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	LESS STROKES. MORE SPEED. (Eclipse Software) .15 CEUs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statistical review 2. Speed building analytics 3. What the champions do 4. More accurate number conversions
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Q & A Session	Questions and answers and closing remarks

“DICTIONARY-BUILDING FOR EXCELLENT STENOGRAPHIC REALTIME”

Presented by Joshua Edwards, RDR, CRR, CRC, ACR, RCR

(Session: 2 hours)

Workshop Overview: This will be an intensive bootcamp-style workshop. Participants will work hard and come out with a stronger CAT dictionary, and more importantly, a strategic approach to further dictionary-building.

Workshop Objectives: The objectives of this course are to (1) improve translation accuracy; (2) develop a strategy for further dictionary-building; and (3) set ourselves apart from speech-to-text voice recognition technology by continuing to improve our writing skills and add words to our CAT dictionaries (as well as our own personal lexicons). We will focus on a handful of words from each letter of the alphabet, with emphasis placed on words that have come up in real-life settings. For example, a reporter may never hear “zeitgeist,” but if they do, after taking this workshop they will have the confidence to write it cleanly.

Workshop Materials: A PDF resource of A-Z wordlists will be provided ahead of time.

Bio: Joshua Edwards is past president of the New York State Court Reporters Association. He is co-owner of StenoCaptions LLC. He works in accessibility, providing high-quality stenographic captioning for colleges, public and private events, board meetings, plays, and lectures, both in-person as well as online. Prior to becoming a full-time CART captioner, Joshua was an official court reporter in New York federal court. He holds the New York Association Certified Reporter, New York Realtime Certified Reporter, Registered Diplomate Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, and Certified Realtime Captioner certifications.

“DON’T SPEND THE MONEY IF YOU DON’T PUT IN THE WORK”

Presented by Harriet-Brenner-Gettleman, CMRS, CRI, Past President NYSCRA

Jacqueline Padilla, CSR, RPR, CCR, CRR

(Session: 1.5 hours)

1. TESTING PROCESS

- a. Know where your files are on the computer
- b. Know how to back up your test to send in
- c. Practice by sending files to yourself every day
- d. All technology should be checked and in working order
- e. Distribute flyer on how to take the CRR

2. Know how the test will be graded

- a. Distribute flyer: What is an error?

3. Create a separate User file just for tests

- a. Settings should be for ALL CAPS TRANSLATION
- b. Know the difference between a J-define and a D-define

4. Identify your weaknesses

- a. Filter for conflicts to identify common weaknesses to work on
- b. Grade your practice sessions with the audio for misstrokes
- c. Check for misspelled homonyms
- d. Check for punctuation errors

5. Structured Practice

- a. What is your learning style
- b. Distribute self-test on how best to practice
- c. Improve accuracy by 2% working on repetitive dictations and practicing correct outlines 10 X each before taking it again
- d. 20 minutes a day for focused accuracy training

6. Deliberate Practice Outcome

- a. Keep a journal of words you need to work on
- b. Work on conflicts
- c. Either review dictation after each one or after the 20 minutes
- d. Add to the list of words or phrases you need to practice 10 X each day

7. Know what goal-oriented practice structure will work for you

8. What is your learning style, and how will that help you improve the outcome of your practice.

OUTCOME OF SEMINAR: To help participants prepare for certification testing; the technology needed to take the test and turn it in; how to build speed with accuracy; know what errors are used in grading; how to address dictionary conflicts for better translation on realtime tests.

Harriet M. Brenner-Gettleman, CMRS, CRI

Realtime Center for Learning, Inc., President/Director/co-owner

Spanning 60 years in the court reporting profession as an official court reporter, freelancer, agency owner, and court reporting teacher, Harriet's career reflects a desire to help the industry move forward by embracing the technology that became available in the 1990s. Honing her skills in corporate management for several years, Harriet saw an urgent need for changes in the CR industry, and she opened a new kind of court reporting agency; she founded Realtime Reporting, Inc., and it opened for business in January 1998. The company was named the best court reporting firm on Long Island for 2007 and 2008 by the Long Island Business News readership.

In October of 2008, Harriet retired as President of Realtime Reporting, Inc. She launched Realtime Center for Learning, Inc. in 2006, a court reporting school, blending both in-house and distance learning, training in a self-paced curriculum designed to teach the basics of realtime reporting and the foundation for CART and broadcast captioning. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the updated online curriculum was approved and licensed by the NYS Department of Education.

Starting in 2010, she served as Vice President for the New York State Court Reporters Association, then as President from 2012 to 2014. Harriet is currently serving as a Board member and participates on several committees. Harriet was presented with the NYSCRA 2016 Louis Goldstein Memorial Award.

Her other volunteer activities include participating on the Nassau County Bar Association's We Care Outing committee since 1998, and she has been a part of the WE CARE Fund Advisory Board since 2007. Harriet was the recipient of the 2015 Stephen Gassman Award.

Her Certifications include Connecticut CSR, NCRA's CMRS and CRI.

NCRA awarded Harriet the Legacy Achievement Recognition Award in September of 2025.

Jacqueline Padilla began her career as a court reporter by finishing school in less than two years. She is a certified court reporter working as a freelancer for over 36 years, writing everything from grand jury to complex depositions and hearings. She is a California CSR, CCR-NJ, RPR, and RCR. In addition to attaining her own certifications, she has proctored many tests for NYSCRA throughout the years. Her passion for the field and for helping others reach their certification goals led her to serve on the board of directors for NYSCRA, where she is currently serving as Third Department Director.

“REALTIME HARDWARE”
Presented by Sharon Pearce, RDR, CRR, CRC, NYRCR
Stanley Sakai
(Session: One hour)

1. HARDWARE FOR ECLIPSE (25 minutes)
 - a. Main hardware needed for providing court reporting services
 - b. All accessories for making realtime connection smooth
 - c. Connectivity for different realtime outputs
2. HARDWARE FOR CASE CATALYST (25 minutes)
 - a. Main hardware needed for providing court reporting services
 - b. All accessories for making realtime connection smooth
 - c. Connectivity for different realtime outputs
3. Q&A (10 minutes)

OUTCOME OF SEMINAR: To provide both new and seasoned reporters with tools and tips to provide realtime successfully and with confidence.

Sharon Pearce, RDR, CRR, CRC, NYRCR

Sharon began her court reporting journey in 2012 at NYCI, now Plaza College, where she immediately fell in love with the art and science, which is court reporting. She practiced for three hours a day on the machine, seven days a week, and never missed a day of school.

She attained 225 wpm in 11 months from the start of theory, and her first job out of school was working per diem for Southern District Federal Court in NYC. She passed the RPR right away and went for her CRR, RMR, RDR, and NYRCR certifications, she puts an emphasis on putting as many acronyms behind her name as possible.

She decided that she loves freelancing more than court, particularly bankruptcy, securities, patent infringement, and intellectual property, and began traveling internationally for work as well, taking depositions in South Korea and Finland, along with Puerto Rico and several states within the U.S.

She has been passionate about realtime since the beginning of school and started providing realtime right away. She is very enthusiastic about paying forward to students what she has learned that has made her a successful and confident realtime court reporter. She continues to challenge herself and improve her skills.

She is currently serving on the board of NYSCRA as the Second Department Director and has also qualified in the NCRA speed and realtime contests.

"ECLIPSE SOFTWARE : Less strokes. More speed"

Presented by: Michael Starkman
(Session 1.5 hours)

Less strokes. More speed.

Simple, right? Well....

Here's the question: How do you know what changes in your writing will save you a few strokes a job or literally hundreds, even thousands of strokes per job? That's the question we'll be answering in this seminar.

Topics include:

- Statistical Review
- Speed-building Analytics
- What the Champions Do
- More Accurate Number Conversions

Michael Starkman is a certified advanced Eclipse software trainer with 27 years of experience presenting and teaching Eclipse. During this time, Michael has done countless seminars, including regular presentations at the ESP Network Meetings (the Eclipse Users' Group), for Eclipsewebinars.com, as well as appearances as a speaker at both NCRA's national conventions and at state conventions. In fact, Michael has been hired by 16 different State Associations to provide Eclipse training at their conventions. He's provided seminars for officials in NYC, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Wilmington, DE, Columbus, OH and more. He has also provided many training seminars in the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as countless hours of private one-on-one training.

"CASE CATALYST SETTINGS AND MORE TO REDUCE REALTIME SWEATING!"

*Presented by: Anthony Frisolone, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, CRI, CSR
(1.5 hours)*

In this seminar, the attendee will learn what the various settings found in Case CATalyst mean and what they can do for them to optimize their realtime translation. The attendee will also learn about the Realtime Commands Dictionary and AccelerWriters and go from sweating over their realtime translation and be on their way to becoming an icy cool realtime writer!

Anthony D. Frisolone

FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, CRI, CSR

Stenograph Certified Independent Training Agent

Anthony has been a Certified Independent Training Agent with Stenograph since 2008 training court reporters and CART providers in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and beyond. Anthony works with individual court reporters and captioners, freelance agencies, and courts to meet their software education needs.

In addition, Anthony is a working court reporter with close to three decades of court reporting experience. Since 2004, he has been an Official Court Reporter in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. As a working court reporter, Anthony brings a practical approach to utilizing the software.

Among his achievements, Anthony is a Past President of the New York State Court Reporters Association and holds numerous state and national certifications including the Certified Realtime Reporter certification and the Realtime Systems Administrator certificate.