



2018 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

February 10-17

Dear NC-AOCR Members –

Please join fellow court reporters in North Carolina and nationwide by celebrating the 2018 Court Reporting & Captioning Week February 10-17, 2018. Although sponsored by NCRA, North Carolina acknowledges utilizes capturing the judicial record by the use of both steno and voice-to-text computer-aided translation. Take a moment or two during the week of February 10-17 to showcase the profession of court reporting, guardians of the record!

The following are suggestions and simple ideas to highlight and bring attention to you as a certified official court reporter:

Officials – ask your Superior Court Judges, upon opening of court on Monday, to announce that this week is the National Court Reporting & Captioning Week, recognizing you as the reporter, with a small description of what the court reporter’s responsibilities are in the courtroom (somewhat like the description given to prospective jurors upon the introduction of a trial). Let the Court know that you would be willing to answer any questions during a break/recess that anyone may have regarding the court reporting industry.

NC-AOCR will utilize our Facebook account to recognize “Court Reporting & Captioning Week” logo. Feel free to post pictures of yourself and the Court or other courtroom players at work, or just socializing together. Write a little snippet of your education, qualifications, experience, and what the reporting career means to you and post it on Facebook.

Offer judges, attorneys, others a realtime feed and discuss with them the advantages of immediate translation during court proceedings. Download the attached booklet and have them available for interested attorneys.

Create a footer on your billhead “Celebrating Court Reporting & Captioning Week – February 10-17, 2018” in a different font and color than the typescript on any invoices or correspondence you may produce during this week.

Answer your business phone this week “Celebrating Court Reporting & Captioning Week,” in addition to your normal spiel.

Bring sweets/goodies for courtroom staff and tell them this is in celebration of Court Reporting & Captioning Week.

Pass out Hershey candy bars with stickers made with your computer software program that say “Celebrating Court Reporting & Captioning Week – February 11-18, 2017.”

Affix a “Court Reporting & Captioning Week – February 10-17, 2018” sticker or colorful document on the backside of your computer so when it’s in the open position clients/courtroom personnel will be curious to see what you’re “advertising.”

Schedule a time to present our PowerPoint presentation “Making a Successful Record” for attorneys in your area. Attorneys can earn a CLE.

Get together with other reporters who are on the same software and conduct a mini training session.

Plan a lunch or dinner with other reporters to “talk shop.” Laugh, cry, reminisce on the “good,” “bad,” and “ugly” of the court reporting profession.

Send a reporter friend a note of admiration and/or respect of their skill and testimony as a reporter.

Thank an officer or board member of one of the associations for their dedication and service to the court reporting/captioning profession.

Start an e-mail chain or our website with NCAOCR’s membership and others sharing your testimony of why you decided to become a court reporter.

Use hashtag #CRCW18 and/or the website NCRA.org/awareness for additional information and promotional materials.

Join NCAOCR if you haven’t already! ☺☺

Join NCRA and NVRA. ☺

Please share any ideas or suggestions you might have to celebrate the challenging and rewarding profession of a court reporter/captioner.

Let us know how you choose to participate this week.

[Thank you to Ranae McDermott for allowing us to “massage” this doc from last year!](#)