



## What your Association does for you!

*Having an "Association" shows that we are serious about the professionalism of our judicial reporter and captioning careers. WCRA not only attempts to protect the interests of our profession, it provides opportunities to grow professionally by providing educational conventions. Supporting WCRA through your membership shows that you strive for the same goals.*

### WCRA...

- Publishes a newsletter to keep you informed of what's happening in our state, including updates on rules, statutes, procedures, and topics that affect our profession.

- Has our own website where you can get the newsletter online, get information on captioning, CART, and realtime, membership list, job postings, register for conventions, and find links to great resources.
- Provides members with timely e-mail updates of current issues through use of our mass e-mail program.
- Lobbies for changes in laws that are favorable to judicial reporters, captioners, and CART providers, and testifies before the Legislature and the Supreme Court on issues affecting our professions.
- Has committees for Legislation, Reporting Practices for Officials and Freelancers and Captioners, Membership, Public Relations, and Students; has a PAC and Conduit Treasurer, Convention Chair and Co-Chair, Website Coordinator and Newsletter Editor
- Is active on committees affecting our professions (PPAC, the Chief Judges Subcommittee on Court Reporter Issues, and Making the Record), which provides crucial information about court reporting to our state's leaders.
- Monitors legislation affecting our professions on a statewide and national basis through both our Legislative Committee and by hiring lobbyists to represent us.
- Created a Conduit and Political Action Committee (PAC) to support legislators friendly to our profession.
- Sends WCRA representative members to NCRA Legislative Boot Camps, Leadership Conferences and the National Convention for training and education.. Attendance allows WCRA leaders to gather information and form strategic alliances with other associations across the country.
- Helped get a transcript page rate increase and step increases for certifications which recognize and reward our hard work, and recognizes freelancers' work experience when entering state employment.
- Puts on conventions twice a year for judicial reporters, captioners, and CART providers to receive CEU points at more reasonable rates than other states or National.. Conventions give reporters the opportunity to share information and enhance professional development.
- Organizes letter-writing campaigns on issues affecting our professions such as contracting and employment benefits for officials.
- Offers significantly reduced rates for our members to attend WCRA conventions.
- Offers a free registration for a convention within a year of passing your RPR (within three years of graduation.).
- Offers reduced membership fees for new reporters (within three years of graduation).
- Provides discounts for endorsing new members.

- Promotes student recruitment and our profession through attendance at Wisconsin Guidance Counselor's Convention, middle and high school demonstrations, and our Public Relations Committee.
- Has a student mentor program.
- Provides annual scholarships to students.
- Provides reporters for demonstrations on request by groups such as the UW Law School, the Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the Wisconsin School for the Deaf..
- Contributes to charities around the state.
- Has an award-winning reporter pro bono program, one of the best in the country.
- Presents an annual Distinguished Service Award to honor reporters who have gone beyond the call of duty to promote, protect, and better our profession.
- Presents an annual Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Has social gatherings and camaraderie at our conventions and meetings. (Who else is going to listen to your war stories?)
- Is an affiliate organization to the National Court Reporters Association.
- Has a more powerful, collective group voice on issues that affect our professions.

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website:

[wicourtreporters.org](http://wicourtreporters.org)

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[ncraonline.org](http://ncraonline.org)