

Arizona Court Reporters Association
2021 Midyear Seminar
April 24, 2021
WebEx Webinar

ONWARD AND UPWARD IN 2021

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - A Day in the Life of a Congressional Reporter

Ever wondered what it was like to be a congressional reporter in Washington D.C.? Traci Mertens, RDR, CRR, CRC, will take us through a day in the life of a Court Reporter for the U.S. House of Representatives.

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - The Mirror Method

A steno-writing concept created by Ron Cook called “The Mirror Method,” which will open the doors to writing hundreds of new briefs without having to memorize any! The ultimate goal of this seminar is to write shorter, write faster, and become the best writer that you can be.

Ron competes annually at the NCRA speed and realtime contests, and also at the California Deposition Reporters Association contest, and has won both the 2012 and 2016 NCRA Q&A realtime contests and the 2018 California DRA realtime contest. Ron also competed in the international Intersteno competition in Cagliari, Italy, in 2019, and placed seventh in both the speech capturing competition (speed contest) and realtime speech capturing competition (realtime contest).

11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Lunch break

12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Update on Senate Bill 1267.

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - The Steno Strong Toolbox

Lillian Freiler will introduce Strong materials from the Strong Resources library and explain to the members how to use them for protecting and promoting stenographic reporting. Such things include flyers, letters to bar associations, courts, paralegals, etc. There are also PowerPoint presentations and captioning materials as well.

Lillian is credentialed as a Registered Professional Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter, Certified Manager of Reporting Services, and is a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters. She is a past president of the Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association; has chaired and served on many committees of both the

Pennsylvania and National Court Reporters Associations, national speed contest qualifier and serves on the advisory board of Luzerne County Community College, and has conducted many seminars and workshops on the state and national levels.

2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. - Keeping Up with Today's Technology

Embracing technology is oftentimes challenging, but Tamara Chapman Maiello will show you a glimpse of how easy it is to apply apps, utilize software, a few Windows and implement external hardware and audio solutions for the best possible outcome.

Tamara has been a reporter since 1998 and has been a staunch supporter of technology for many years. When the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders were issued, she taught herself just enough JavaScript code and graphic design to create completely customizable, affordable exhibit stamps, along with spending hours and hours of training reporters from all over the country how to use her stamps, mark, and handle exhibits, a crash course in the Windows operating system, along with how to use Zoom. She has a Facebook page with close to 2,400 members, offering technology tips, steno tips, and much more.

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