

Arizona Court Reporters Association
2023 Midyear Seminar
Facing the Future... Together

Meet the Speakers

TITLE: Taking the Mystery Out of Voicewriting

PRESENTER: Kassie Kosmal

Kassie Kosmal is a Certified Verbatim Reporter, National Verbatim Reporter's Association; a Certified Reporter, Arizona State Supreme Court; a Certified Court Reporter and Paralegal, Department of Defense (DoD). She began her career as a paralegal on active duty in the United States Army in 2016 and was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Kassie became the supervising paralegal of the five junior paralegals in the prosecutor's office, aiding in the successful prosecution and processing of hundreds of Soldiers' cases. Additionally, she was hand-picked to become the sole paralegal for the Command and General Staff College and its sister schools, where she provided legal support services for the resident attorneys and also wrote an elective course for military officers from the United States and 86 other countries in order to perfect their briefing skills to senior military leaders.

In January of 2018, Kassie was selected to attend The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School's Court Reporter Course in Charlottesville, Virginia. She successfully reached exit speeds and graduated in April of 2018. Immediately upon her return to Fort Leavenworth she began court reporting for military courts, with heavy focus in re-hearings of sex crimes following the 2016 decision by the Court of Appeals of the Armed Forces in the case *U.S. v. Hills*.

Kassie continues her Army service in the Army Reserve where she currently holds the court reporter position and supervises junior paralegals for the 117th Legal Operations Detachment. Additionally, she is an official court reporter for the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County.

TITLE: Round Table Discussion – immediately following voicewriting presentation

MODERATORS: Angela Miller, RPR, and Terry Libretti

Angela has been a court reporter for 20+ years. She holds a bachelor's degree in court reporting having graduated from Metropolitan College of Court Reporting in December 1999 and started her own small firm in 2005. She also is an RPR and current Arizona court reporter in the Metropolitan Phoenix area. She works both in the freelance field and as a per diem reporter in the court system. She continues to encourage and help others find their enthusiasm for this amazing career and to invest in our community of Arizona reporters to work together for a brighter future for us all.

Terry started court reporting in 1998 in Nashville, Tennessee, and became licensed in 2010. She started her own firm in 2000 and has worked in both the freelance field and as a per diem reporter in civil and criminal court. She served on the TCRA board in 2000. She believes in giving back to the community, so she did pro bono work for AGAPE and the Nashville School of Law. She became licensed here in the great State of Arizona in 2019. She works in the freelance field and has enjoyed every minute of it.

TITLE: Live and Let Live

PRESENTER: Marc J. Victor, Esq.

Marc J. Victor is the president and managing partner for Attorneys for Freedom Law firm. He is a certified criminal law specialist by the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization and is admitted in Arizona and Hawaii.

Marc has represented clients in more than a thousand major felony cases. His jury trial experience includes several murder trials, including capital cases, as well as complex sex and drug cases in both state and federal court.

During his career, Marc has successfully represented clients in many high-profile cases, most notably his representation of Elizabeth Johnson in the nationally televised Baby Gabriel case.

Several local and national media outlets turn to Marc for his legal commentary and expertise on high-profile criminal cases.

Most recently, Marc has spoken on the Live and Let Live Principle upon which he has established The World's Only Real Peace movement.

TITLE: Play STENOphonatic

PRESENTER: Anissa Nierenberger

Anissa has pursued her passion for stenography in three distinct areas: her proprietary software Dictionary Jumpstart, her captioning company Captionique, and as a coach and trainer in her educational programs. Anissa started broadcast captioning in 1992 and has captioned for over 50 U.S. local news markets, NBA, NFL, MLB and NHL. More recently she's captioned events at Facebook and Amazon.

In 2000, Anissa founded Dictionary Jumpstart, a realtime dictionary-building software that has helped hundreds of reporters improve their dictionaries and allowed them to explore other areas of reporting, including captioning and CART captioning. As an author, Anissa has published several articles as well as five books. She's also a past president of MAPCR (Michigan Association of Professional Court Reporters).

Anissa started training reporters in 2013 and offers one-on-one realtime training, CART training and broadcast captioning training. She's helped hundreds of reporters achieve their realtime goals including slashing editing time, passing the CRR, and transitioning into captioning. In 2022, Anissa created STENOphonatic, the only card game in English and steno for word fanatics!

TITLE: Terminate Transcript Turmoil

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TITLE: Stop the B.S. (immediately following Terminate Transcript Turmoil)

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