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STARTECH23

Technology and The Business of Court Reporting



Virtual Conference Agenda (CEUs Updated)

Friday, October 20, 2023

9:00-10:00 am	The Business of International Depositions Speaker: Ian Hardy	Approved CEUs
	Learn about an exciting new way to apply your court reporting skills, by going international! In this interactive seminar, Ian Hardy will discuss the market and unique requirements for reporting depositions in foreign countries. He will also cover important practical tips, rules, and best practices for reporting abroad, whether it be for in-person, travel jobs, or remote assignments. If you've ever wanted to fuse your court reporting skills with your passion for travel and love of foreign cultures, this seminar is for you.	NCRA: 0.10 NVRA: 0.10 AAERT: 0.10
10:15 – 11:15 am	Investigating ChatGPT Speaker: Dustin Lobock	Approved CEUs
	Dustin Lobock, former City of Las Vegas Deputy Marshal, will share the ins and outs of ChatGPT. He will demonstrate how it works on different chatbot platforms and discuss its different applications. He will share how it's used by police officers and will engage the audience in a discussion about day-to-day ethical considerations for using it and whether it has a place in court reporting. Attendees will gain familiarity with the abilities and limitations of chatbot technology.	NCRA: 0.10 NVRA: 0.10 AAERT: 0.10
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Today's Freelance Agency Moderator: Doreen Sutton, RDR, CSR, FAPR Panel: Rick Levy, US Legal; Nancy Varallo, The Varallo Group; Megan Rogers, Spectrum Reporting; Katie Ochetal, Claritas Depositions, Michelle Harper, Lovey Evans, and Zack Shoup	Approved CEUs
	STAR Director Doreen Sutton will moderate a discussion with representatives of today's freelance agencies, explore with them best practices for workforce development and credentialing, and follow up with an audience-driven SWOT analysis of today's court reporting businesses. Come with your ideas, comments, and questions for our experienced panel. Walk away with renewed motivation for your career.	NCRA: 0.15 NVRA: 0.15 AAERT: 0.15



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Friday, October 20, 2023 - Continued

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch Break

2:00 – 3:00 pm What's New At Stenograph: Overview

Speaker: Dan Denofsky

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CEUs**

Keep up to date with the latest in court reporting technology. Stenograph is making innovations in CATalyst software, CaseViewNet, remote deposition platforms, editing and proofing systems, digital transcription, and speech recognition. Learn how you can best apply Stenograph's latest products to make your work hours more efficient and productive using technologies for today's court reporting professionals.

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3:15 – 4:45 pm Keynote: Can't We All Just Get Along?

Speaker: Andrea Wecker, CSR, RDR, CRR, CRC

**Approved
CEUs**

Join STAR President, Andrea Wecker, in an honest conversation about the state of the court reporting industry today. This keynote presentation will provide a fresh perspective about how professionals of all methods can come together with one voice to end divisiveness once and for all, collaborate with one another to expand and elevate our skillsets, and work together to protect our industry from outside disrupters.

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4:45 – 5:00 pm Cocktail mixing time

Suggested Cocktail: Roy's Hawaiian Martini

In a martini shaker with crushed ice add two shots of your preferred vodka (Grey Goose is ideal), one shot of Stoli Vanil vodka, one shot of Malibu coconut rum, a splash of simple syrup (about a teaspoon or to taste), and a shot of pineapple juice (fresh squeezed if possible). Shake well, pour into frosted martini glass, and enjoy!

5:00 – 6:00 pm Happy Hour

Host: Andrea Wecker

Andrea will share court reporting legend Ed Varallo's favorite wines list. Prize winners will be announced!



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Saturday, October 21, 2023 – Track 1

9:00 – 10:00
am

What's New At Stenograph: New CATalyst Features

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Speaker: Mansi Soni

CEUs

In this session, Stenograph will showcase its latest release of Catalyst. You will learn about the new features Stenograph will be introducing to the market. You will be encouraged to share your thoughts and offer feedback to help Stenograph develop improved CATalyst functionality for the future.

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10:15 – 11:15
am

What's New At Stenograph: Check It

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Speaker: Mansi Soni

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CATalyst Check It is the latest Stenograph product designed to help stenographers and scopists save time during the editing process. Check It allows users to save an average of 45 minutes of editing time per job! Reporters can also produce a rough draft even faster with Check It acting as a second set of eyes during editing. Come and learn about the productivity enhancing features of Check It.

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11:30 am –
1:00 pm

CATalyst: Improving Translation Accuracy

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Speaker: Cindi Lynch

CEUs

Accurate translation requires consistent writing and dictionaries that accurately translate what you write! Your Personal Dictionary may have tens or hundreds of thousands of valueless entries. You'll want case- or job-specific terminology, but how do you get dictionaries like that or find them for re-use? In this session you'll learn how to identify and correct problematic Personal Dictionary entries, take full advantage of Case Prep to create specific dictionaries, and get tips to ensure your resources are at your fingertips when you need them!

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1:00 – 1:45 pm

Lunch Break



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Saturday, October 21, 2023 – Track 1- Continued

1:45 – 3:15 pm	CATalyst: Time-Saving and Effort-Efficient Editing Speaker: Cindi Lynch	Approved CEUs
	Even if you use the services of an excellent professional scopist and/or proofreader, you still spend at least some time working with your transcript in Edit, whether preparing a rough or going over the final before it's turned in. If you're pressing one more key than necessary or spending one more second longer than you have to, that's time and effort that could be better spent elsewhere. In this session we'll review best practices as well as some overlooked features that can drastically reduce the amount of time you spend in front of your computer!	NCRA: 0.10 NVRA: 0.10 AAERT: 0.10
3:30 – 5:00 pm	CATalyst: Keep it Clean! Speaker: Cindi Lynch	Approved CEUs
	If it takes more than 30 seconds to find any job you've ever worked on and all of its associated resources, you probably need a better way to organize your files! If your precious Cloud Backup space is filled with duplicates that need to be deleted, you probably need a system to make sure you can quickly use it to either restore a job in progress to another system or to set up a new computer in minutes. This system, inspired by our colleague Mike Miller, is highly recommended for its practicality, efficiency, and ease of use.	NCRA: 0.15 NVRA: 0.15 AAERT: 0.15
5:00 – 5:15 pm	Wrap-up Speaker: Andrea Wecker, CSR, RDR, CRR, CRC	
	Prize winners will be announced!	
5:30 – 6:30 pm	STAR Student Exclusive: Meet the Board! Q and A session: Board members answer questions for students	



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Saturday, October 21, 2023 – Track 2

9:00 – 10:00
am

The GTMO Commissions Trials: An Update

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Speakers: Andrea Wecker, CSR, RDR, CRR, CRC and Nancy Varallo, RDR, CRR, FAPR

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On September 11, 2001 the United States was attacked by suicide bombers. The Twin Towers in New York came down, the Pentagon was attacked, and a plane went down in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Andrea Wecker and Nancy Varallo will provide an update on the progress of this trial, the longest in U.S. history, along with other trials (including the attack of the USS COLE in Yemen). You will learn how the trials are handled and about the work of the court reporters who provide daily transcripts to the world.

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10:15 – 11:15
am

What's New At Stenograph: CaseTestify

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Speaker: Ray Hadad

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CaseTestify is Stenograph's all-in-one purpose-built legal platform that provides users a simplified way of taking online legal proceedings. CaseTestify combines secure video conferencing, interactive exhibit management, and cloud storage of deposition assets in a simple-to-use, professional interface. The platform allows users to access all the tools needed to take virtual and hybrid proceedings using our cloud-based platform, accessible with a single, secure link. Learn all about the new features available for court reporters with CaseTestify.

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11:30 am –
1:00 pm

Grammar Rules and Punctuation Evolves!

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Speaker: Margie Wakeman Wells

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This session by Margie Wakeman Wells will focus on classifying the multitude of comma rules into two categories: commas that separate grammar elements so that they do not pile up on each other and commas that surround/set off grammar elements so that they can be isolated from other elements in the sentence. Margie will discuss some of the more recent rule changes — removing periods and apostrophes from abbreviations, and transcribing elements so that they are compatible with searchable documents. As time permits, she will also discuss some of the dilemmas that surface when dealing with the spoken rather than the written language.

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1:00 – 1:45 pm Lunch Break

1:45 – 3:15 pm What's New At Stenograph: MAXScribe

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Speaker: Janet Harris

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MAXScribe is the first end-to-end solution designed for the digital court reporting and legal transcription industry. It combines multi-channel or single-channel audio with Stenograph's knowledge of editing tools specialized for efficient editing and transcript creation. Learn how you can increase the number of pages that can be produced per hour by up to 50%. MAXScribe is integrated with CaseTestify and YesLaw to provide a total solution from record capture, auto transcript, editing, and transcript production for in-person, remote or hybrid depositions.

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3:30 – 5:00 pm What's New At Stenograph: Phoenix

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Speakers: Nayan Patel and Liliya Petrushina

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Phoenix is Stenograph's Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) engine built specifically for the court reporting industry, utilizing Stenograph's decades of knowledge of legal terminology, formatting, and editing. Phoenix is a powerful tool allowing reporters to become more productive and save time during transcript production, thereby becoming more efficient.

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