

# Ohio Court Reporters Association

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## OCRA's "Seminar Saturday" Saturday, September 24, 2016

**.5 CEUs**

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**Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Western Campus**  
11000 Pleasant Valley Road  
Parma, Ohio

***Business & Technology Building (WBT)***  
***Room C239B***  
*(For convenience, park in Lot C)*

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| <b>8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</b>   | <b>Registration</b> <i>(Onsite registration available with added \$15 convenience charge)</i>   |
| <b>9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Calling all Officials, Freelancers, Firm Owners, Captioners, and Students (.1 CEUs)</b><br>What are the current trends, issues, and scenarios you face every day? What suggestions can you provide to your colleagues to make work life more enjoyable and to lead to success?<br><br>Start the day off by attending the breakout session of your choice for an open forum and discussion related to each segment of our profession. Get to know your fellow attendees and continue the dialogue throughout the day.   |
| <b>10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Networking Break</b> <i>(Sponsored by Heartland Promotional Products)</i>  |
| <b>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Public Speaking and Promoting the Profession (.15 CEUs)</b><br>In our profession, we perform our duties while often remaining silent. Have you ever wondered how speakers and presenters appear so calm? Do you want to tackle public speaking? Have you considered presenting to the bar association, special interest groups, or at high school or college career fairs on the profession of court reporting and captioning?<br><br>This session will take you from the preparation of and through to the delivery of a presentation or speech in any setting. You will receive step-by-step guidance on identifying potential audiences and setting up opportunities to promote yourself and the profession. Emphasis will be placed on targeting your audience to perfect presentations and networking at high school/college career fairs, client meetings, and presenting at bar association CLE meetings. |
| <b>12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Lunch</b> <i>(Provided)</i>  |
| <b>12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.</b>  | <b>Organization is Not a Myth (.1 CEUs)</b><br>This session will provide you with the tools, techniques, and resources available to take the clutter and chaos out of your life and put organization and simplicity back in! Topics to be covered include: • Time management strategies • Cloud-based storage and retrieval • Online banking/financial management • Controlling your email inbox • Apps and mobile computing  |
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| <b>2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.</b>   | <b>It's a Techno World (.15 CEUs)</b><br>Following up on "Organization is Not a Myth," this session will bring you face-to-face with the technology of today and go in depth on the programs previously mentioned, along with covering a range of topics to make you as tech savvy as you want - or need - to be! Topics include, but are not limited to: • Buying a new computer - Windows or Mac? • Windows 10 • Secure networking at home and at the office • Gadgets • Printers and Scanners • What fax machine? Get your documents today! • The profession's must-haves for your office and in your bag  |
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*Cancellation Policy: Full refunds available if cancelled before September 17, 2016.  
After September 17, a \$15 convenience charge will apply to all cancellations*

**Onsite registration is available for a \$15 convenience fee**

Member	\$70 *
Nonmember	\$100 *
Student Member	\$20
Student Nonmember	\$50
*Separate CEU Submission to NCRA	\$45*

***\*If requesting CEUs, attendees will receive a certificate of attendance with prequalification code for direct online submission to NCRA. Prices reflected above for registration do not include the separate \$45 online CEU submission fee to NCRA.***

***Members of neighboring state associations may receive OCRA's member rate upon proof of their state membership.***

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**Speakers/Group Leaders:** Official (Douglas Bettis and Yolanda Walton); Freelancers (Marie Fresch and Susan Gee); Firm Owners (TBD); Captioners (Tammy McGhee and Kelly Linkowski); Students (Kelly Moranz)

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#### **DOUGLAS BETTIS**

Doug Bettis, Official Reporter, Carroll County Common Pleas Court. Douglas has worked as an official reporter with Carroll County since 2012 covering criminal, civil, domestic relations, and grand jury proceedings. Prior to that, he was an assistant to the Court Reporter Coordinator for the Northern District of Ohio. Doug is currently OCRA's President-Elect and has been a previous presenter at OCRA's Annual Conference.

#### **LANCE BOARDMAN, RDR, CRR**

Lance Boardman is a 1984 graduate of Champlain College in Vermont and has worked for the majority of the past 30 years as a freelance court reporter (seven years as an official in Massachusetts). He is a member of OCRA and NCRA and a past NCRA Speed Contest Qualifier. He currently lives in Mount Vernon and travels extensively covering class action, patent, and multi-district litigation cases for many different agencies. Lance is currently OCRA's District A Director.

#### **TREVOR BOARDMAN**

Trevor Boardman graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts in computer science. Trevor works for a central Ohio hospital system as an Information Security & Privacy Analyst. He will share his expertise on secure network solutions both at home and in the office, as well as highlight the need-to-know information in Windows 10. Trevor resides in Newark with his wife Rachel.

#### **MARIE FRESCH, RMR**

Marie Fresch is owner of Marie B. Fresch & Associates. Throughout her 35+ year career, she has reported depositions, meetings, conventions, mediations, arbitrations, as well as hearings and trials in various courtrooms. In 2015, Marie began CART captioning with A La CARTe Connection, a realtime captioning firm based out of Louisville, Kentucky. Marie has been involved with OCRA since the early 1990s, serving in numerous positions on the OCRA Board, including as 2015-2016 President.

#### **SUSAN GEE, RMR, CRR**

Sue Gee began her career as a paralegal in a litigation law firm while she obtained her court reporting credentials. Having previously reported in the Toledo and Columbus areas, Sue is currently the owner of Gee Reporting, LLC, in Cincinnati, and is a realtime freelance court reporter with over 35 years of experience, specializing in patent, medical malpractice, and other complex litigation. Sue is OCRA's 2016-2017 President. She enjoys running and spending time with her husband John, an attorney in the Cincinnati area.

#### **KELLY LINKOWSKI, RPR, CRR, CRC, CPE**

Kelly began her career in 1993. Still going strong after two decades in the profession, Kelly has been captioning and CARTing since 2003. She loves working from home and the flexibility captioning/CART provides so she can also serve as room mom for her two sons, actively volunteer, have dinner on the table (or takeout!) for her loving husband of 16 years, and find time to hit the club to practice clay shooting. As a second-generation court reporter, Kelly is passionate about mentoring the next generation of reporters, not only in her family as a new generation embarks upon this great profession, but with students across the nation. She serves as OCRA's Student Relations Chair, in addition to being OCRA's District D Director.

#### **TAMMY MCGHEE, RMR**

Tammy McGhee graduated from the Academy of Court Reporting in 1989 and worked as an official court reporter in Franklin County Municipal Court for four years before becoming an independent freelance reporter. In 2000, Tammy joined forces with reporter Joan O'Donnell to form O'Donnell & McGhee, a freelance reporting firm covering depositions and Richland County court proceedings based out of Mansfield. In July 2016, she transitioned into broadcast captioning and is currently employed by VITAC. Tammy enjoys running, spending time with her husband and two kids, and she presently serves as OCRA's Secretary.

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#### **KELLY MORANZ, CRI**

Kelly Moranz has been in the court reporting field since 1985. Having worked in multiple freelance firms, she became involved in education in 2006 as a part-time faculty member at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). She currently serves as the schools' court reporting program manager. She was awarded the Ralph M. Besse Excellence in Teaching Award in 2015 by Tri-C, received the inaugural JCR Award for Leadership and Team Building in 2016 by NCRA, and was honored with NCRA's CASE (Council on Approved Student Education) Award of Excellence at the 2016 Annual Convention & Expo in Chicago.

#### **SARAH NAGEOTTE, RDR, CRR, CRC**

Sarah Nageotte is an official court reporter for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland. Sarah is a past Director of the Ohio Court Reporters Association and served on the NCRA Board of Directors from 2009-2016, serving as 2014-2015 NCRA President. She has extensive committee work at both the state and national levels, including, but not limited to, testing, students and education, officials, realtime, policies and procedures, finance, et cetera. Sarah has received the Ohio Court Reporters Association Distinguished Service and Legislative Awards; the Miami Jacobs Alumni Award; and was recognized as one of the "Top 5 Under 45" by the Ashtabula Area Chamber of Commerce.

#### **TERRI SIMS, RDR, CRR**

Terri Sims is the Chief Court Reporter for Summit County Common Pleas Court. She has been employed by Summit County since 1994. Terri graduated from the Academy of Court Reporting in March 1984, and began reporting as a freelance reporter in Houston, Texas, having passed the Texas CSR while still a student in the 225 class. Following her year-and-a-half employment in Texas, Terri moved back home and began working at Fincun-Mancini in Cleveland. She has worked for various freelance firms in the Akron-Cleveland area, as well as teaching court reporting at the Academy of Court Reporting in Cleveland and Akron for a period of time, while raising her family. Terri currently serves as OCRA's Vice President.

#### **YOLANDA WALTON, RPR**

Yolanda is an official court reporter for Huron County Common Pleas Court, and is a Past President of the Ohio Court Reporters Association. She has been instrumental in helping OCRA stay the course as one of the leading court reporting associations in the country. She has served on NCRA's Nominating Committee. Yolanda has received the Ohio Court Reporters Association Martin Fincun and Diplomat Awards for her outstanding service to the profession and association.