

Thank you again for being a part of the Ohio Court Reporters Association 2023 Annual Conference, March 24-26, 2023, at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris. We look forward to welcoming you to a wonderful weekend ahead. In preparing for the conference, please note the following:

### **CONFERENCE LOCATION AND ATTIRE**

All OCRA events will take place at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris, 409 Altair Parkway, Westerville, Ohio. Hotel meeting rooms tend to be too cold or too hot, so dressing in layers may help the temperature be just right for you. We want you to be comfortable! The dress code is casual to business casual.

### **REGISTRATION AND VENDOR/EXHIBITOR HOURS**

On-site registration and the OCRA membership table will be available in the pre-function area outside of the Admiral ballroom:

*Friday, March 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, March 25 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, March 26 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

Vendors/Exhibitors will be available in the same area:

*Friday, March 24 from 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, March 25 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

### **VENDORS/EXHIBITORS**

The following vendors will be present at the 2023 Annual Conference. Please visit and support our vendors to ensure their success and future attendance at OCRA events.

**ProCAT** will be represented by fellow court reporter and OCRA member Doug Ackerman.

**Risen Path Consulting**, including products from **Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski**, will be represented by Erin Lydy.

**Stenograph** will be represented by Ohio District Sales Manager Todd Schludt.

**Worth Business Equipment** will be represented by Steve and Mary Worth. Please contact Worth Business Equipment prior to the conference to schedule your machine repair, servicing, and/or cleaning by [clicking here](#).

### **SOFTWARE TRAINING**

We are fortunate to have Cindi Lynch (Case CATalyst) and Michael Starkman (Eclipse) with us in 2023 for software training on both Saturday, March 25, and Sunday, March 26. While equipment is not necessary for either training, you can bring your laptops and software. Due to space constraints, it is recommended that you *do not* bring your steno machines. OCRA will provide some power strips and extension cords in each software training room; however, in the event you are seated in a location without a power source, please come prepared with a fully charged laptop battery and/or plan to relocate your seat prior to the session(s) beginning to access a power source.

## **HANDOUTS AND ATTENDEE INFORMATION**

Each attendee will be provided with an OCRA-logged conference bag which will include a [full brochure and schedule](#), along with other important conference materials. [Click here](#) to be directed to the 2023 Annual Conference webpage for up-to-date information, announcements, and handouts, if any.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

Returning for the third year, the OCRA Cardinal Foundation Silent Auction will be hosted online. All items will be available for bids beginning at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, March 24. The Silent Auction tables will be set up to view in person by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, and all bidding will close at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. It's not too late to bring an item or basket to the conference to be added to the online auction for bids. Items big or small are happily accepted and, of course, a tax write-off! All proceeds benefit the OCRA Cardinal Foundation. [Click here](#) to view the Silent Auction online site and/or view the link and QR code which appear on the last page of the [full conference brochure](#).

## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN AVAILABLE**

Together, we can guarantee success and growth for the court reporters, captioners, students, and industry professionals in Ohio, and we hope that we can count on your support this year to ensure continued success in our educational efforts. Please [click here](#) to offer a general sponsorship and/or student sponsorship (scroll down to the sponsorship/support opportunities area). Any and all amounts are appreciated!

## **MAIN RAFFLE**

In addition to our main raffle – with the grand prize of a 3-day overnight stay for 2 in Pass-a-Grille, St. Pete Beach, Florida, along with \$500 cash to spend – additional fundraising activities will take place during the weekend. [Click here](#) to view all 2023 Main Raffle prizes! You can purchase your main raffle tickets in person throughout the conference or purchase your tickets online now by [clicking here](#). Don't miss out on the great prizes available this year – all in support of our association and profession right here in Ohio! (*Winners need not be present to win.*)

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Thank you again for being a part of the 2023 Annual Conference! We will see you in Westerville very soon. Safe travels!

Sincerely,

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*2022-2023 OCRA President*

and

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*OCRA Executive Director*