Ohio Court Reporters Association OCRA Cardinal Foundation

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2025 Annual Conference Attendee,

Thank you for being a part of the Ohio Court Reporters Association 2025 Annual Conference, April 4-6, 2025, at the Cleveland Marriott East. 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 Cleveland Marriott East, 26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio. Hotel meeting rooms tend to be too cold for some and too hot for others so dressing in layers may help the temperature be just right for you. We want you to be comfortable! The dress code for the conference is casual to business casual.

REGISTRATION AND VENDOR/EXHIBITOR HOURS

On-site registration and the OCRA membership table will be available in the atrium area outside of the Salon ballroom:

Friday, April 4, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 6, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Vendors/Exhibitors will be available in the same area: Friday, April 4, from 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

VENDORS/EXHIBITORS

The following vendors will be present at the 2025 Annual Conference. Please visit and support our vendors to ensure their success and future attendance at OCRA events.

Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski will be represented both Friday and Saturday by Erin Lydy.

Stenograph will be represented both Friday and Saturday by Ohio District Sales Manager Todd Schludt.

Worth Steno Services will be represented both Friday and Saturday by Steve and Mary Worth. Please contact Worth Business Equipment/Worth Steno Services prior to the conference to schedule your machine repair, servicing, and/or cleaning by <u>clicking here</u>.

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HANDOUTS AND ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Each attendee will be provided with an OCRA-logoed conference bag which will include a <u>full</u> <u>brochure and schedule</u>, along with other important conference materials. <u>Click here</u> to be directed to the 2025 Annual Conference webpage for up-to-date information, announcements, and handouts, if any.

SILENT AUCTION

The OCRA Cardinal Foundation Silent Auction will be hosted online once again this year. All items will be available for bids beginning at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, April 4. The Silent Auction tables will be set up to be viewed in person by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, and all bidding will close at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5. 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! Please email <u>ocraonline@gmail.com</u> and/or Greg Mizanin at <u>reportergreg@gmail.com</u> as soon as you can to let us know what items you will be bringing! All proceeds benefit the OCRA Cardinal Foundation. <u>Click here</u> to view the Silent Auction online site and/or view the link and QR code which appear on the last page of the <u>full</u> <u>conference brochure</u>.

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 <u>click here</u> 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 four-night stay in a two-bedroom, twobath oceanfront condo, with parking, in Cherry Grove, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, along with \$200 cash to spend – additional fundraising activities will take place during the weekend. <u>Click here</u> to view all 2025 Main Raffle prizes! You can purchase your main raffle tickets in person throughout the conference or purchase your tickets online now by <u>clicking</u> <u>here</u>. Don't miss your chance to win great prizes available this year – all in support of our association and profession right here in Ohio! *(Winners need not be present to win.)*

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SATURDAY NIGHT PRESIDENT'S PARTY

Join us for a dazzling *Denim and Diamonds* Saturday night at the President's Party!* Shine bright like a diamond while rocking your favorite denim - think chic cowboy meets high-class glam. Dust off your best jeans, grab your glittery accessories, and join us for a night of fun with live entertainment provided by the band <u>Thunder Creek</u>. This is the perfect excuse to dress up (or down) and dance the night away! *If you are registered for the all-inclusive option or the Saturday-only registration, the Saturday night party is included. If you are not registered and wish to attend or bring a guest, please <u>click here</u> to register and pay by scrolling down to the "Registration Add-Ons, Guests, and Extras" section.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you again for being a part of the 2025 Annual Conference. We will see you very soon. Travel safely!

Sincerely,

Cindy J. SaRosa

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