

# CCRA-NJ



**2017 March Meeting**

**Friday and Saturday March 10-11, 2017**

10 NJ CEU  
1.0 NCRA  
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**DoubleTree by Hilton Newark Airport**  
**128 Frontage Road**  
**Newark, NJ 07114**

***Room Reservations: 1-800-222-8733***

We have reserved a block of guest rooms for Friday night at a discounted rate of ONLY \$109 PER NIGHT. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel, and do so IMMEDIATELY, as the discounted room rate is only guaranteed until February 17, 2017 or the rooms sell out, by calling 800-222-8733. Be sure to reference you are with the CCRA group to receive the discount.

*If you need a room and the rooms are sold out please contact Tim Bower at 856-875-0818*

**Attendees will be able to earn 10 CEU (1.0 NCRA)  
at our Two-Day Annual March Meeting!**

  
ROOM TEMPS  
MAY VARY  
DRESS  
ACCORDINGLY



**Register Today!**

  
EARN  
10  
CREDITS



## 2017 SPRING CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Telephone registration not available.

Refund/Cancellation Deadline: March 1, 2017

Call Doubletree directly 1-800-222-8733

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am attending Friday Only as a 2017 Member            | \$ 105 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am attending Friday Only as a Non-Member             | \$ 125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am attending Friday/Saturday as a 2017 Member        | \$ 250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am attending Saturday as a 2017 Member               | \$ 250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am attending Friday/Saturday as a Non-Member         | \$ 355 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am attending Saturday as a Non-Member                | \$ 355 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am an Associate Member attending Friday/Saturday     | \$ 145 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am an Associate Member attending Saturday            | \$ 145 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am an Associate Non-Member attending Friday/Saturday | \$ 270 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am an Associate Non-Member attending Saturday        | \$ 270 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am a Student:                                        | FREE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I will sponsor a student \$ _____                      |        |

\*\* \$25 per student member you are sponsoring

\*\*\*\*(Reporters not needing CE credits can register as an Associate Member or Non-Member rate)\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*(Reporters who belong to other state associations can register as a member rate, but you **MUST** attach a copy of proof of membership.)

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Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail a check to the address below or to pay by credit card please complete the information below either mail the completed form back or fax it to 856-210-1619:

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***(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)***

**IF PAYING BY CHECK, SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:  
CCRA-NJ, PO Box 460, Collingswood, NJ 08108**

## Registration

**Deadline: March 9, 2017**

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**Members or Non-members not needing  
CE credits can attend at Associate Rate**

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**Members of Other State Associations  
can sign up at Member Rate!**

(you **MUST** provide proof of state membership  
and you must fax your registration to CCRA-NJ  
at 856-210-1619)

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Onsite Registration will be accepted.

**\*\*\$50 additional fee for Onsite**

**Registration \*\***

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**REGISTER ONLINE AND PAY BY  
CREDIT CARD AT WWW.CCRA-  
NJ.COM—PLEASE CALL 856-875-0818**

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE**

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**PAY BY CREDIT CARD BY FAXING  
COMPLETED FORM TO 856-210-1619-A  
RECEIPT WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU  
AS PROOF OF PAYMENT**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

5:00-5:30pm

### Registration

5:30-6:30pm *Opening comments*

### Town Hall-Taking Your Career to the Next Level - (1.0/.10 CE)

**Robin Vance, CCR, and Jennifer Billstein-Miller, CCR, CRR, RPR**

Join Robin Vance and Jennifer Billstein-Miller for this relaxed Friday Night Town Hall session. It's an open discussion of the pertinent and current issues in the freelance world, both ethical and practical, and also they will discuss how they operate their businesses and how they promote realtime in their depositions. This interactive session will offer insight on a wide range of professional practice and business procedure topics and issues presented by the panel and seminar attendees.

6:30-8:00pm

### Best Practices Round Tables – Tips for Efficiency and Efficacy - (1.5 / .15 CE)

**Mark H. Renzi, CCR, RPR**

Join us Friday night where you, the participants, are the experts. This is an interactive session where in small groups you'll discuss amongst your table favorite briefs, what gadget or app has made your life easier, how you upsell products to lawyers, how you handle scheduling, your favorite software shortcuts, et cetera. Learn from each other, share your best tips and explore new areas so that you may immediately start implementing the lessons learned.

8:00-10:00pm

### President's Reception

1<sup>st</sup> Annual President's Reception, Country Western Hoedown, Jersey Style – Join your jocund and convivial colleagues for a relaxed evening of social networking. Country Western attire suggested, but not required. Cash bar and light Southern fare provided.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

7:00am

### Registration, Continental Breakfast, Vendor Expo

7:50am

### Opening Announcements *Opening comments*

8:00-9:00am

### The Future is Now - (1.0 / .10 CE)

**Mirabai Knight, CCR, CRC, RDR**

Mirabai Knight is an innovative pioneer in the CART/Captioning industry. She will enlighten us with a glimpse into the future developments in the emerging field of conference captioning. She's the strategic partner at White Coat Captioning, one of the leading conference captioning companies in the world. And she's the founder of the Open Steno Project known as Plover. And if that weren't enough, she has developed a line of Free and Open Store Software to aid future students and expand the use of steno in other fields. And wait till you hear about Stenosaurus, the newest writer that she is developing that will change how the court reporting world operates.

9:00-10:00am

### The Effect of Motivation and the Power of Positivity - (1.0 / .10 CE)

**Meredith Bonn**

Learn how you can be happier, healthier and self-assured in all aspects of your life, and how positivity affects your ability to calmly perform as a court reporter. Ms. Bonn's session will leave you motivated to incorporate imperturbable composure into your daily life.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017, continued

10:00-10:30am

### Morning Break and Vendor Expo

10:30am-12:00pm

### Panel Discussion – The State of the Profession - (1.5 / .15 CE)

Robert Boccolini, CCR, RMR - Moderator

Join us for this history-making event. For the first time, members of the New Jersey State Board of Court Reporting will be joining us to discuss issues dealing with our licensing and certification, and the future of Court Reporting in New Jersey.

12:00-1:00pm

### Full-Course Luncheon, Vendor Expo

1:00-2:00pm

### Making the Switch to Captioning - (1.0 / .10 CE)

Cheryl Pallante, CCR, CRR, RMR, CBC and Lea Lumpkin, CCR, RMR, CRR, CRC

Cheryl Pallante and Lea Lumpkin are television captioners in the Philadelphia area. They will take us through their journey from deposition reporter to captioner, the training that they received, the daily preparation involved, their bloopers and blunders, to the highlights of their careers.

2:00-3:30pm *Closing comments / Raffles drawn*

### KEYNOTE – The Fight to be Treated Fairly - (1.5 / .15 CE)

Bobby Battle

Who in the court reporting field hasn't witnessed or encountered prejudice, harassment, discrimination, political debate and discord? Who hasn't had to deal with acrimonious lawyers or inimical witnesses? Learn how to skillfully moderate those issues when they arise. Find out what behaviors to avoid that may offend others so that the CCR will always be viewed as completely neutral and impartial. Join us as this dynamic speaker, Bobby Battle, shares his personal journey of facing discrimination as a young boy in North Carolina, to his involvement in the civil rights movement, to becoming a combat mission pilot for the US Air Force in Vietnam, and then the chief EEO/AA Officer for the New Jersey Judiciary, a lifetime marked by ringing achievements in his struggle for fairness and equality for all.

3:30-4:00pm

### Afternoon Break and Vendor Expo

4:00-5:30pm *Concurrent Sessions*

### Vendor Showcase - (1.5 / .15 CE)

Michael Starkman-Advantage / Grace Molson-Stenograph

In this seminar, vendors will be given an opportunity to highlight their newest products and the features of each product to our reporter and student base attendees. The vendors will have a chance to describe the newest machines and software that they offer.



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2.5 CE CREDIT HOURS FRIDAY EVENING

7.5 CE CREDIT HOURS ON SATURDAY



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important info, updates, and all the  
latest news...

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### Frequently Asked Questions About Continuing Education Requirements

#### How many continuing education credits do I need as a New Jersey CCR or CRCR and by when?

Between June 2016 and June 2018 (the current two-year licensing cycle), you need to earn **15 credits**.

#### How are CE credits calculated?

Each seminar hour is equivalent to one (1) NJ CCR credit. In the two-year NJ CCR/CRCR cycle, you need 15 credits. If you also earn credits toward NCRA certifications, you need 3.0 CE Units (30 hours) per three-year cycle. NCRA measures in tenths, so each seminar hour is equivalent to .10 NCRA CE units. NCRA CEUs expire Sept 30th, but year varies depending upon when your individual NCRA CEU cycle started. CE cards must be punched at the conclusion of each seminar session you attend.

#### Is the Friday evening seminar mandatory? Must I attend every seminar on Saturday?

No. You can attend any or all of the seminars you want or need to attend, whether to acquire NCRA and/or NJ CCR credits, or because you enjoy learning and find the topic of particular interest. If you decide not to attend a particular seminar, you will not receive credit for that seminar. You're welcome and encouraged to attend every seminar, but you do have the option to attend only those you want to attend. There is no option, however, to pay on a per-seminar basis. Friday Evening is complimentary — free, that is — to anyone registering for Saturday's events. The convention registration fee is all-inclusive and covers all refreshments and meals. You have the option to attend "Friday Only" for a fee of \$99 in advance.

#### Why are some CE punch cards blue and others manila? Which do I punch, and what do I do with it/them at the end of the day?

NCRA requires anyone with National Certifications (RPR, RMR, CRR, RDR, CRR, CBC, CCP, CMRS, CLVS) to earn CEUs and NCRA keeps track of them for you. If you do not hold any NCRA certification titles, but are a New Jersey CCR, you can disregard the manila punch card and only punch the blue card. **NJ CCRs must maintain their own CE records.** Do not hand in your blue punch card at the end of the day! Only the manila NCRA punch cards are collected by CCRA-NJ and forwarded to NCRA. All NJ CCR punch cards and/or certificates of seminar attendance should be retained for five (5) years. Do not forward cards or certificates to the State Board of Court Reporting unless and until a formal request for verification of CE compliance is received. Any audits that are conducted by NJ State are scheduled at the time of license renewal in June 2018.