

CCRA-NJ

2018 Annual Convention

MARCH 16-17, 2018

**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 \$119 PER NIGHT**. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel, and do so **IMMEDIATELY**, as the discounted room rate is only guaranteed until February 16, 2018 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.

Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17, 2018

- **Celebrate CCRA-NJ's 80th Anniversary!**
- **Visit our Vendor Expo!**
- **Earn 10 CEUs (.10 NCRA) Credits!**
- **Early Bird Pricing until March 15, 2018**



REGISTER TODAY!

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REGISTRATION

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2018

All registration forms must be received by March 15, 2018 to receive the Early Bird pricing listed below, after which rates will go up to the Regular fee.

NAME _____

STREET _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Confirmations sent via email only.

******Reporter Registration will give you CE Credits/Associate Registration will not give you CE Credits******

(On-site Registration will be available for additional \$50)

FULL CONFERENCE (Earn 10 CE Credits)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am attending Friday Only as a 2018 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 2018 Member | \$ 250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am attending Saturday as a 2018 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)****

****Members of other STATE ASSOCIATIONS may register at the CCRA-NJ member rate. Please attach proof of your State Association Membership with Registration****

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.CCRA-NJ.COM

PAYMENT OPTIONS (If registration is being sent after March 15, 2018 please be sure to remit payment for Regular fee):

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

Check Enclosed \$ _____ (Please make checks payable to CCRA-NJ and SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO: CCRA-NJ, PO Box 460, Collingswood, NJ 08108)

Credit card (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

\$ _____ CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____

SECURITY CODE: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: (MONTH/YEAR) _____

NAME OF CARDHOLDER: _____ CARD HOLDERS SIGNATURE: _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

Registrations will be accepted until the day of the event. Refunds honored only if requested in writing by March 7.

Questions contact: Tim Bower, Phone: 856-875-0818 Email: ccra-nj@bowermanagementservices.com

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

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5pm
Registration

5:30-8pm (Opening Comments)
A Retrospective Reunion: Past Presidents Reunited (2.5 CE)

8-10pm
President's Reception



Saturday, March 17, 2018

7am
Registration
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/VENDOR EXPO

8-9:30am (Opening Comments)
Santo Aurelio - What Reporters Must Know About Punctuation (1.5 CE)

9:30-10:30am
Christine J. Willette, NCRA President, RDR, CRR, CRC - The Importance of Giving Back (1 CE)

10:30-11am
BREAK/VENDOR EXPO

11am-12:30pm
Regina Berenato-Tell - Reporting in the Congressional Halls (1.5 CE)

12:30-1:30pm
LUNCH

1:30-2:30
Katie Goodman - Improvise and Innovate: Safe and Creative Risk-Taking (1 CE)

2:30-3pm
BREAK/VENDOR EXPO

3-4:30pm (Closing Comments / Raffles)
Dom Tursi - The History of Shorthand: Evolution of a Timeless Profession (1.5 CE)

4:30-5:30pm
Court Reporting Quizzo (1 CE)

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PROGRAM

Friday, March 16, 2018

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A Retrospective Reunion: Past Presidents Reunited (2.5 CE)

In honor of CCRA-NJ 80th anniversary, we celebrate a visionary group of NJ reporters who set out on a journey pursuing higher professionalism. This town hall will be conducted with our celebrity panel of past presidents. Join them as we share a light-hearted remembrance of our collective and mutual history, discuss the changes in our profession, the highlights and the low points, the historical events, the accomplishments and the successes that our association has endured. The panel will share their thoughts and suggestions on the future of reporting, especially in NJ, lend sage wisdom, advice and counsel to reporters in every stage of their career. Come lend your voice to help shape CCRA-NJ's legacy for the next 80 years.

Past President Bob Boccolini, CCR, RPR, RMR, will serve as the moderator of this session.

**8-10pm
President's Reception**

Grab your fedoras and pearls, the 1930s are in full swing. Our second annual president's gala is being held Friday night, March 16th. The Speakeasy will be open from 8 to 9:30, if you know the secret password. Our special guests -- past presidents of CCRA-NJ and their friends -- will join us for this copacetic, cool cat, "Great Gatsby" party. The dapper fellas will be there with their suspenders and hair slicked back with pomade; the dames will be dolled up with their feathers, hair clips and tassels. Jazz will permeate the air, and you can jitterbug the night away to the sounds of Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway. CCRA-NJ will be puttin' on the Ritz as we down some coffin varnish and hoof the night away. (1930s attire optional.)

Saturday, March 17, 2018

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/VENDOR EXPO**

8-9:30am (Opening Comments)

Santo Aurelio - What Reporters Must Know About Punctuation (1.5 CE)

The job of a reporter is basically twofold: to capture all of the spoken words and then to accurately transcribe those words using correct and understandable punctuation. Without proper punctuation, sentences would be difficult to understand. Dr. Santo Aurelio, a reporter for 40 years, has developed many doable suggestions to assist reporters in producing transcripts in less time through a deeper knowledge of punctuation principles. This seminar will concentrate on 22 important punctuation rules to assist reporters in punctuating their transcripts correctly *all the time*. *What better way to preserve our reporting profession than to do as perfect and professional a job taking down all of the words spoken and transcribing them with correct punctuation as is humanly possible?*

Santo J. Aurelio, Ed.D., RDR, FAPR, holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Harvard University, and a doctorate in education from Boston University. He's conducted grammar, vocabulary and punctuation seminars across the United States. He joins us from Massachusetts to share his punctuation principles. His degrees in English and Education along with his 39 years of experience as a reporter make him uniquely qualified to share with us his suggestions on how to correctly punctuate.

Saturday, March 17, 2018, con't.

9:30-10:30am

Christine J. Willette, NCRA President, RDR, CRR, CRC - The Importance of Giving Back (1 CE)

Motivation is one of the strong components of success. Knowing how to keep yourself inspired is vital to ensuring the health of your career. Is your motivation impacting your business? How can you rekindle the spark to deliver the best service possible to your clients as well as potential clients? Chris Willette will share with us her journey from a Wisconsin Court Reporters Association volunteer to NCRA president, what inspired and motivated her to give back to the profession, and her passion for volunteering.

Christine has been a reporter for over 30 years. She is the owner of Willette Reporting in Wausau, Wisconsin. She holds the Registered Merit Reporter, the Registered Diplomate Reporter, the Certified Realtime Reporter and the Certified Realtime Captioner certificates. She is a past president of the Wisconsin Court Reporters Association.

10:30-11am

BREAK/VENDOR EXPO

11am-12:30pm

Regina Berenato-Tell - Reporting in the Congressional Halls (1.5 CE)

In 2017, Regina Berenato-Tell, CCR, RDR, CRR, a small town girl from Hammonton, NJ, left for the big city of Washington, DC, and has successfully made the transition from federal official to Reporter for the House of Representatives. Regina will share with us how she prepared for the transition in her reporting environment, the new skill set she had to learn, what her work day involves, and how she is adjusting to a frenetic Congressional lifestyle in what is considered one of the most prestigious jobs in the court reporting industry.

Regina Berenato-Tell is a past president of CCRA-NJ. She holds the NJ CCR, and is a Certified Realtime Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter and a Registered Diplomate Reporter. She previously was a state and federal official.

12:30-1:30pm

LUNCH

1:30-2:30

Katie Goodman - Improvise and Innovate: Safe and Creative Risk-Taking (1 CE)

Katie Goodman is an actress, comedian, comedy writer, speaker, author and coach. Do you want to learn some tools that will bring spontaneity, joy and spark to your work life? Katie will help you with techniques to work through mental blocks to lead a more creative work/life balance. She will focus on innovation, collaboration, building trust, taking creative risks and how to be a thought leader. She will teach you how to work in the moment without being a "perfectionist," by transforming your inner critic into your inner coach and finding your authentic voice.

Katie Goodman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. She is a satirist, comedian, writer, and national speaker. She is the author of the book "Improvisation for the Spirit," which focuses on how to live a more creative, spontaneous and courageous life.

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Dom Tursi - The History of Shorthand: Evolution of a Timeless Profession (1.5 CE)

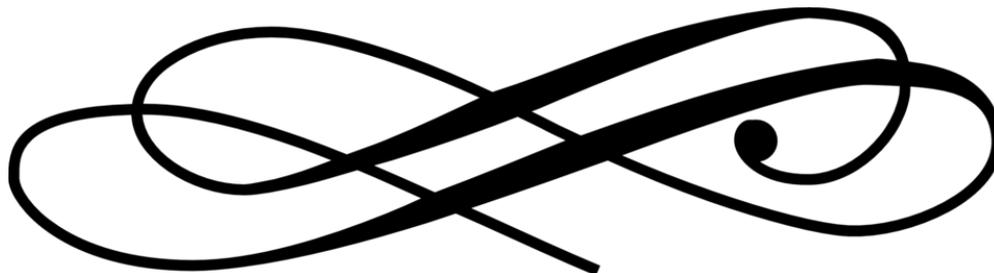
Few professions are as old and time-honored as shorthand reporting, for it is the act of writing which has provided to all civilizations the knowledge of earlier thoughts and utterances. From the ancient scribes to Gregg shorthand to instantaneous realtime across the Internet, the preservation of the written word is how each generation of mankind shared knowledge among societies. Mr. Tursi will discuss the role of the "record keeper" throughout history, his role in preserving machine shorthand by creating a museum dedicated to the contributions of the shorthand reporter.

Dom Tursi has spent his 50 plus year career studying the history of our profession. He is the creator of the Gallery of Shorthand at the US District Court in Central Islip, NY, where he shares his collection of machine writers and takes the visitor through the history of shorthand reporting. Dom Tursi was a federal reporter for the Eastern District of NY. Before that, he was a freelance reporter taking proceedings worldwide from Asia to Egypt. He also spent time as a NY State Supreme Court reporter. He is the author of the book, "The Legends of Shorthand."

4:30-5:30pm (Closing Comments / Raffles)

Court Reporting Quizzo (1 CE)

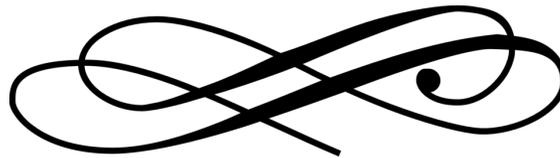
Who's up for a challenge? Each team will show off their knowledge of all things trivial in this court reporting edition of Quizzo. Bragging rights will be up for grabs in this interactive and fun session. The topics to be covered include vocabulary from medical malpractice, products liability cases; court rules and case citations; criminal, civil and family practice; history and geography of New Jersey; accounting issues; mathematical equations; and general knowledge trivia. This interactive session will be moderated by Bob and Tina Tate.



CCRA-NJ IS TURNING 80!

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To celebrate CCRA-NJ's 80th anniversary, in addition to our President's Reception, we will be creating an Anniversary Retrospective Program that will include memories, congratulatory statements, as well as ads. Support CCRA-NJ by purchasing an ad, a memory or a statement of support. Please visit www.ccra-nj.com for more information or call Tim Bower at 856-875-0818. This is a remarkable milestone that our organization has reached. Please honor CCRA-NJ's history and support its future by contributing to our Anniversary Retrospective Program.

On behalf of the members of the board, I thank you. Here's to the next 80 years!

Lois McFadden, President, CCRA-NJ

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.

Must I attend every seminar?

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.

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.



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MEMORIES!



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