

# CCRA-NJ

## 2017 Annual Fall Convention



**New Location! New  
format! One Day Only!**

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

- Registration and Breakfast at 7am
- Visit our Vendor Expo!
- Programming 8am-5:30pm
- **Earn 8 CEUs (.8 NCRA) Credits!**
- *Early Bird Pricing until September 8!*
- Member \$160 (regular \$175)
- Non-member \$240 (regular \$255)
- Register today at [WWW.CCRA-NJ.COM!!](http://WWW.CCRA-NJ.COM!!)

**October 29, 2017** 7am Registration; 8am-5:30pm Programming

The Mansion on Main Street

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# REGISTRATION

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2017

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**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**

*All registration forms must be received by September 8, 2017 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 8.0 CE Credits)**

**EARLY BIRD RATES, if registered by September 8, 2017:**

\_\_\_ Reporter Member \$160 (regular \$175)

\_\_\_ Reporter Non-Member \$240 (regular \$255)

\_\_\_ Associate Member \$110 (regular \$125)

\_\_\_ Associate Non-Member \$160 (regular \$175)

\_\_\_ Sponsor a Student \$25

\_\_\_ Student \$0

*Non-Members will receive CCRA-NJ membership for the remainder of 2017.*

**\*\*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](http://WWW.CCRA-NJ.COM)***

**PAYMENT OPTIONS** *(If registration is being sent after September 8 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 October 16.*

*Questions contact: Tim Bower, Phone: 856-875-0818 Email: [ccra-nj@bowermanagementservices.com](mailto:ccra-nj@bowermanagementservices.com)*



# **SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE**

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

**The Mansion on Main Street, Voorhees, NJ**

**7:00-8:00am**

**Registration / Continental Breakfast / Vendor Expo**

**8:00-9:30am**

**Best Practices Round Table Discussion**

**9:30-11:00am**

**Town Hall**

**11:00-11:15am**

**Break / Vendor Expo**

**11:15am-12:15pm**

**The Fives Cs of Success**

**12:15-1:15pm**

**Lunch Buffet**

**1:15-2:45pm**

**Linguistically Speaking**

**2:45-4:15pm**

**Bench & Bar Panel**

**4:15-4:30pm**

**Break / Vendor Expo**

**4:30-5:30pm**

**"Tough Love"**

**Earn 8 CEUs (.8 NCRA) Credits!**

# PROGRAM

## Sunday, October 29, 2017

**7:00am**

**REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST / VENDOR EXPO**

### **Rise and Shine**

*What a great way to start your day – a cup of coffee, light breakfast fare, and a round-table discussion with your friends on a crisp fall morning. Share your favorite briefs, discuss the latest ethical issue and strategize where the next few years will take you. The floor's all yours!*

**8:00am-9:30am**

### **BEST PRACTICES ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (1.5 / .15 CE)**

This round-table format features open discussion among participants of today's current issues including ethical considerations, technology advances, software updates, transitioning to captioning and CART work

- Discussion on how to handle difficult situations in a deposition
- Swap your favorite briefs
- How to start captioning or get CART work

**Mark Renzi** will moderate this session. Mark is a NJ CCR, second generation owner of a freelance firm, and an RPR holder.

### **Turning Over New Leaves**

*Fresh off the speed and realtime contests in Las Vegas, New Jersey's own reporting superstars Jennifer Billstein-Miller and Rich Germosen are going to share their secrets to writing faster, using more briefs, and turning out nearly perfect realtime feeds. Learn how to induce your client to purchase upgrades. Instructions on how to successfully interact with your videographer. Real world "tips" that you won't get anywhere else to inspire you to be a better reporter.*

**9:30am-11:00am**

### **TOWN HALL (1.5 / .15 CE)**

This panel discussion features two technologically savvy reporters discussing all their favorite hints on realtiming for large jobs, upselling products, how to work with a videographer successfully. They both are speed and realtime contestants, and they will share how they practiced and how they prepared to compete at the National Speed and Realtime Contests. Learn how to increase your income, shorten your editing time and use the videographer's equipment to enhance your production.

**Jennifer Billstein-Miller** is a NJ CCR and holds the RPR and CCR certifications from NCRA. She freelances in the South Jersey/Philadelphia area.

**Rich Germosen** is a NJ CCR and holds the CRR, RMR, CCRR-CA, NYACR and NYRCR certifications. He also is a Realtime Systems Administrator. Rich freelances in the NY area. He has competed in many speed contests and realtime contests. He is the administrator of the popular -T TEUP Facebook page. He will be sharing his "tips" for being successful with us.

**Lois McFadden, CRR, CCR, RDR**, will moderate this session

**11:00am-11:15am**

**BREAK / VENDOR EXPO**



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## Change is in the Air

*Jen Croneberger is an Inspirational Speaker, Life Coach and Author and has presented at many large corporate conferences. She has been named the #1 motivational speaker in the Philadelphia and Washington, DC, areas. This engaging, funny and encouraging woman will help you build deeper connections, bolster your self-confidence, and achieve peak performance in your life as she shares her Five Cs for Success.*

**11:15am-12:15pm**

### THE FIVE Cs of SUCCESS (1.0 / .10 CE)

This motivational speaker has presented at some of the largest companies in the area, including Lockheed Martin, Macy's, University of Pennsylvania and QVC.

- Build your self-confidence
- Overcome fears and obstacles in your reporting career
- Achieve peak performance on the job and in your life
- Live your life with integrity, gratitude, honor and truth
- Remove distractions that rob you of the ability to optimally perform
- Organize your life to achieve your goals
- Structure your time to improve your writing style

**Jen Croneberger** is a life coach and motivational speaker. Her undergrad degree is in Journalism and English. She has a master's degree in Sports and Performance Psychology. She also is the author of "These Five Words Are Mine."

**12:15pm-1:15pm**

LUNCH

## Fall Clean-Up

*Syelle Graves is going to re-ignite your inner grammar love. She's a linguistics professor from the City University of New York who specializes in sociolinguistics, pragmatics, semantics, and linguistic discrimination!!! Her doctoral dissertation is entitled, "Is starting a sentence with 'so' condescending?" She is a guest writer on the popular website Grammar Girl: Quick and Dirty Tips. Her topics include "Why do people say punctuation out loud?" and "Why 'a-whole-nother' isn't like 'ala-frickin-bama' and hizzouse." A Q&A session will be held at the end, so be sure to bring all your syntax, semantics and morphology questions to clean up your grammar knowledge.*

**1:15pm-2:45pm**

### LINGUISTICALLY SPEAKING (1.5 / .15 CE)

Professor Graves is a linguistics expert. She's going to discuss the changing world of the spoken language, the nuances of grammar, sentence structure, and punctuation. She is a guest contributor to the popular website, "Grammar Girl: Quick and Dirty Tips." Time will be allotted for Q & A from the audience

- Insight into the changing linguistic realm and influences on the spoken word
- Punctuating spoken words when the rules don't apply
- Sentence structure and grammar rules
- How language influences human interaction with one another
- What makes up linguistics including sounds, words, sentences and meanings

**Syelle Graves** has a BA in French and two Master degrees in Linguistics. She is currently teaching and attaining her PhD Degree from the City University of New York. Her dissertation is entitled, "Is starting a sentence with 'so' condescending? Rapid change in use of and attitude towards discourse marker 'so'."

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## Harvesting Opportunities

*A Bench and Bar panel discussion worth missing that Sunday afternoon football game. We have three of the most beloved members of the South Jersey bar attending, including one of the most charming, funniest and coolest judges ever to sit in Burlington County. Terrence R. Cook, J.S.C., loves his Harley, his bow ties, and his iPad realtime feed. He will be joined by Mark A. Fury, Esq., and Richard M. Pescatore, Esq.*

**2:45pm-4:15pm**

### **BENCH & BAR PANEL (1.5 / .15 CE)**

Join us as we hear from three of our clients: A popular criminal judge, a criminal defense practitioner, and a civil litigator. This panel discussion is interactive with the audience. They will discuss the value of a realtime feed and a rough draft. They will give us their list of what they expect from their reporters and the importance of an accurate transcript in their practice. The future of the relationship with reporters as the IT and trial exhibit manager will be discussed. What are the expectations from lawyers and judges of the court reporter. The changing role in the courtroom and the deposition world...

Robert Boccolini, CCR, RMR, CMRS, will moderate this session

**4:15pm-4:30pm**

**BREAK / VENDOR EXPO**

## Reap What You Sow

*This wildly popular session called "Tough Love" was presented by Michael Miller, FAPR, CSR, CCR, RDR, at the Star Technology Group meeting and was repeated again at the NCRA convention. Due to Mike's commitment at the Guantanamo 9/11 trial, he's permitted CCRA-NJ to show you a video of his presentation. Mike brings his characteristic wit and sarcasm to this "in-your-face" session. Bring your sense of humor and prepare to be educated, shocked, amused, and possibly even offended when Depoman takes the stage.*

**4:30pm-5:30pm**

### **"TOUGH LOVE" (1.0 / .10 CE)**

This popular presentation by Mike Miller was recorded during one of his live presentations.

Like you, **Mike Miller** spends his days banging those keys with the hope that today's witness actually learned English in, say, Omaha and not Bangalore; but over his twenty-plus-year career of overcoming odd accents and attorney egos, he's risen to the level of self-appointed reporting superhero. When he's not juggling life at home with his wife, Susan, three kids and his Internet-famous dog Elwood, Mike is most certainly on a long plane ride to somewhere interesting. From arbitrations in Reykjavik to depositions in Bangkok, he's seen most corners of the world from behind his machine, most recently as a member of the StenOps teams creating immediate transcripts of the trials of the 9/11 terrorist in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He holds the FAPR, RDR and CCR designations. He also served a term on the board of directors of NCRA.

## 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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