



# CCRA-NJ 2024 October Virtual Convention

## Saturday, October 5, 2024

Live, Virtual via Zoom Meeting  
7:45am-2:00pm ET

CE POINTS: (5.0 NJ CE/ .50 NCRA CEU)

Registration Fee: \$165 Member / \$255 Non-Member / \$100 Associate Member / \$10 Student

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## PROGRAM

**7:45am ET** Join Meeting; Welcoming Comments from CCRA-NJ Leadership

### SESSION 1

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

### **Stenography in Nigeria: Bringing American Stenography Standards to Africa**

(1.5 NJ CE / .15 NCRA CEU)

Presented by: Rachel Artis & Anthony Akinbolaji



*This heartwarming session recounts Rachel's inspiring journey to Lagos, Nigeria, where she teamed up with Anthony to reintroduce stenography to the Lagos State Judiciary. Amidst the challenges of civil*

*unrest, they worked tirelessly to elevate the standards of court reporters, who were initially trained to write at only 110 words per minute (wpm). Their efforts not only brought American stenography standards to Africa but also sparked a movement to empower and professionalize local court reporters, transforming court reporting in Nigeria and offering hope in a time of rebuilding.*

*Participants will:*

- *Explore the obstacles faced in reintroducing stenography to the Lagos State Judiciary, including the limitations of existing training programs and the impact of civil unrest on the local legal system.*
- *Learn about the strategies and approaches Rachel and Anthony used to raise the writing standards of court reporters from 110 wpm to a more professional level, drawing on American stenography techniques and best practices.*
- *Gain a broader impact of their work, inspiring participants to consider how similar efforts can be applied in other regions to uplift and professionalize the court reporting industry, even in challenging environments.*

**9:30am-9:45am ET**

**BREAK**

## **SESSION 2**

**9:45am-10:45am ET**

### **Run, Don't Walk to the Nearest Timer: Lessons in Efficient Scoping**

**(1.0 NJ CE / .10 NCRA CEU)**

**Presented by: Rachel Artis**



*In this session, participants will delve into the Pomodoro Method, a time-management approach designed to enhance efficiency. By applying these principles, court reporters will gain the ability to predict editing times with greater accuracy, leading to more effective scheduling and resource management. The session will provide actionable insights and practical tools to help professionals in the field reduce stress, meet deadlines, and improve the overall quality of their work.*

*Participants will:*

- *Identify and evaluate the primary factors that influence the time required for editing transcripts, including the complexity of the case, the court reporter's style, and the scopist's familiarity with the material.*
- *Learn how to apply the principles of the Pomodoro Method to accurately estimate editing times, helping them to break tasks into manageable intervals, set realistic deadlines, and improve productivity.*
- *Develop strategies for optimizing their editing processes by incorporating timed work sessions, leading to better time management, reduced stress, and improved output quality in their scoping and editing work.*

**10:45am-11:00am ET**

**BREAK**

## SESSION 3

11:00am-12:30pm ET

### Jeopardizing Justice

(1.5 NJ CE / .15 NCRA CEU)

Presented by: Sue Terry, FAPR/RPR/CRR/CRC



*Small Errors, Big Consequences* Join members of the former STRONG Committee for a thought-provoking session exploring the tension between the democratization and monetization of America's court records. As outsourcing justice is occurring on the down-low, the accuracy, accessibility, and privacy of our court records are at risk. This seminar will delve into the potential consequences of this intrusion and examine the implications for our judicial system and for society. Don't miss this interactive discussion designed to shed light on the challenges facing our nation and the harms that defunding justice will unleash. Knowledge is power. This session will arm you with all the information and materials you need to defend stenographers from those who seek to undermine and eliminate us.

Participants will:

- Learn about the consequences of employing inferior record-making methods
- Educate themselves on threats to court reporting
- Learn about the impact of defunding the judicial system

12:30pm-12:45pm ET

BREAK

## SESSION 4

12:45pm-1:45pm ET

### Professionalism and the Professional Association

(1.0 NJ CE / .10 NCRA CEU)

Presented by: Robert T. Tate, CCR, RPR, RMR, CRR



*This seminar will delve into the importance of professionalism and the professional association, how they are intertwined and depend on each other; how one can benefit from being a part of a professional association; what professionalism looks like in today's court reporting environment and how the association can foster that professionalism. You will gain a deeper insight into the needs and requirements of being a professional, the qualifications and certifications, what are the industry standards and expectations, the ethical guidelines and codes of conduct; then how the professional association can assist one in*

*attaining the education necessary to meet those needs and requirements; the essential skills necessary to be a professional, not only the technical skills, but the soft skills: communication, teamwork, problem solving, and time management; and how you can enhance those skills through your participation in your professional associations.*

Participants will:

- *Learn about the benefits of being an association member*
- *Learn how professional associations can advance one's career*
- *Learn about the necessary skills, qualifications, certifications to be a professional*

**1:45pm ET Raffles; Closing Comments**

Don't miss out on the 50/50 opportunity at this year's convention. Tickets must be purchased at the time of registration!

- **\$5 for 8 tickets**
- **\$10 for 16 tickets**
- **\$20 for 35 tickets**



CEs will be provided for both NJ State and NCRA. In order to receive CE credit, you must be registered for the convention and paid in full, logged in via a device that showcases your full names (edit the name if you are using someone else's device or account / no nicknames or initials), take the 'are you still with us' poll that will pop up during each session, and answer the evaluation survey questions.

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## ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS



**About the Presenter: Anthony Akinbolaji** is a pioneering stenographer and consultant with over 15 years of experience at the Lagos State Judiciary. His expertise and dedication have earned him a reputation as a leader in court reporting across Nigeria. Committed to education and innovation, Anthony has developed comprehensive training programs and is driving efforts to professionalize stenography in Africa, contributing to justice, economic growth, and community empowerment.



**About the Presenter: Rachel Artis** is a seasoned entrepreneur and expert scopist who's been transforming the court reporting industry for over a decade. Since 2010, she's trained professionals using her proprietary methods, ensuring they stay competitive and profitable. Today, Rachel can be found working with Nigerian court reporters in Lagos, Nigeria, raising the skills of court reporters in the aftermath of civil unrest. Her work continues to inspire and elevate the industry.



**About the Presenter: Robert T. Tate, CCR, RPR, RMR, CRR** is a Certified Court Reporter (NJ), Registered Merit Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, and Certified Realtime Captioner. He is a member of both NCRA and CCRA-NJ, and currently serves as Vice President of CCRA-NJ. He began his court reporting career in 1975 and in 1978 founded the firm of Tate & Tate with his wife and partner Tina Tate.



**About the Presenter: Sue Terry, FAPR/RPR/CRR/CRC** currently serves as the official court reporter for the Greene County Common Pleas Court in Xenia, Ohio. She is a Past President of the National Court Reporters Association, the Ohio Court Reporters Association, and the StenoCat Users Network. She has served and chaired numerous NCRA committees and task forces. Sue is a Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter and Certified Realtime Captioner. She has been awarded the distinction of being a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters by the National Court Reporters Association and is the only person in NCRA's long

history to receive both the NCRA Distinguished Service Award and the Jim Bouley Family Altruism Award in the same year.