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## Local court reporter named to NCRA's 2017 class of Academy of Professional Reporters Fellows

Jana Colter becomes Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters

LAS VEGAS, Aug. 11, 2017— The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, broadcast captioners, CART captioners, and legal videographers, today announced that Jana Colter, RMR, CRR, CRC, an official court reporter from Atlanta, Ga., has been awarded Fellowship in the Academy of Professional Reporters. The Academy recognizes recipients for their outstanding and extraordinary qualifications and experience. The announcement was made during a special awards luncheon held at the NCRA Convention & Expo, taking place in Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 10-13.

"Membership in the Academy of Professional Reporters is by nomination only, so to be granted fellowship is a high point in a reporter's career," said Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, interim Executive Director and CEO of NCRA. "Criteria for being accepted include exhibiting outstanding and extraordinary qualifications and experience in the field of shorthand reporting as well as having been active in the practice of reporting for at least 10 years. Candidates for fellowship are also required to have attained distinction as measured by such activities as the publication of important papers, creative contributions, committee or board service, and teaching," he added.

Colter has spent time training court reporters in software and realtime techniques in litigation and CART/captioning. She began her career as a freelance court reporter in 1991 and entered the CART arena in 2000. Colter is a past chair of NCRA's CART Community of Interest and has served as a presenter about CART for NCRA and a number of other organizations.

She is a past president of the Ohio Court Reporters Association. She has worked at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and the University of Cincinnati providing on-site and remote CART. She captioned Gallaudet University's commencement activities in 2009 and has been captioning the University of Cincinnati's graduations from 2007 to the present. Colter is also a part of the captioning team for the Hearing Loss Association of America's annual conference.

She holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Merit Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, and Certified Realtime Captioner.

Colter was one of seven NCRA members awarded Fellowship in the 2017 Academy.

For more information, visit <u>NCRA.org</u>. Career information about the court reporting profession one of the leading career options that does not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at <u>DiscoverSteno.com</u>.



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The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) is internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 16,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership. Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to grow by 14 percent through the year 2020. For more information, visit NCRA.org.