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

#### *Judith Lehman becomes Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters*

**LAS VEGAS, Aug. 12, 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 Judith Lehman, RMR, CRI, an official court reporter from Shelbyville, Ill., 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.

Lehman, who has been a court reporter since 1976, is a past president of the Illinois Court Reporters Association (ILCRA) and a past NCRA director. She has served on numerous NCRA committees, including the Technology Evaluation, NCSA, Contests, Nominations, and Finance Committees. Lehman was also an NCRA Registered Professional Reporter Chief Examiner for 15 years. She has also been a frequent contributor to the *JCR*.

She has been very active teaching in the court reporting program at Sparks College, and she has published many articles and is a successful presenter to various forums regarding court reporting. Lehman headed the faculty of a school that applied for and received funds from the federal government to instruct reporters to meet the demands of the Telecommunications Act of 1997.

She is a recipient of the ILCRA's Distinguished Service Award. She also holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Reporter Merit Reporter and Certified Reporting Instructor.

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

For more information, visit [NCRA.org](http://NCRA.org). 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 [DiscoverSteno.com](http://DiscoverSteno.com).



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