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OCRA Members Ryan White, Robin Nodland, and Carol Studenmund participate in 2020 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week to raise awareness about career opportunities

Portland, OR, January 30, 2020 – The Oregon Court Reporter’s Association (OCRA) is celebrating 2020 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week from February 8 through February 15 this year. The National Court Reporters Association sponsors the week-long event to highlight the many aspects of court reporting and captioning that make them both a desirable profession. Professional benefits including good salaries, flexible scheduling, interesting venues, and the increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available in the field.

OCRA’s President Ryan White and OCRA Members Robin Nodland and Carol Studenmund plan to be involved in supporting the national activities. “In Oregon, we are an active association dedicated to providing professional development to our current members as we focus on recruiting the next generation,” said President Ryan White. White, Nodland, and Studenmund will be at City Hall in Portland on February 19th to discuss the local status of the profession before the Portland City Council.

Court reporters and captioners are critical to our community at large. As guardians of the official record, court reporters ensure that confidential legal information remains confidential. “A critical aspect of our work is creating, securing, and providing an exemplary record of depositions and court proceedings,” said Robin Nodland. “Our work is vital to the success of our legal system, and I am proud to be part of it.”

“While you may see us on TV or in the courtroom, our work in providing the official record is very exciting,” said White. “I learn something new every day in the courtroom and in depositions. It is a career I am proud of that fosters an association of passionate professionals and is a vital part of the legal system.

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Court reporters and captioners rely on the latest in technology to use stenographic machines to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in realtime. Court reporters work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, and our captioners here in Oregon provide live captioning of events, which gives access to our community for people with hearing disabilities. Here in Oregon, captioners provide live captions for city council meetings, local TV news programs, Trail Blazers games and court proceedings, as well as for stadiums around Oregon and Washington.

To learn more about court reporting and captioning careers – two careers that do not require a four-year degree – go to DiscoverSteno.org. To support OCRA's recruitment efforts and to learn more, visit www.orcra.org or email ryan@whitecatreporting.com.

For more than 70 years, the Oregon Court Reporter Association has supported the careers of thousands of professionals. OCRA's mission is to ensure the integrity of the official record, build the capabilities of its members, and support the development of the next generation.

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