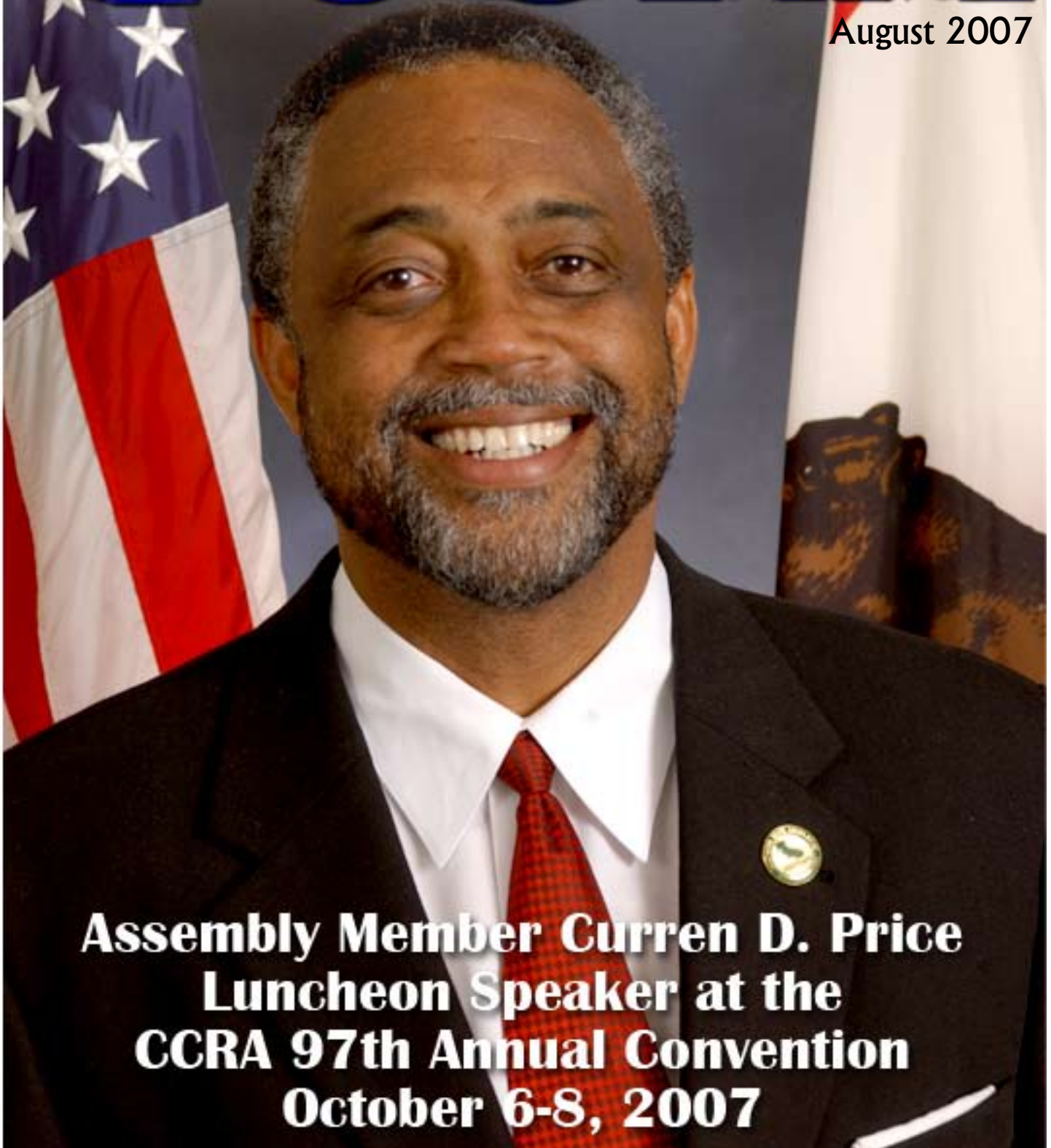


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**Assembly Member Curren D. Price  
Luncheon Speaker at the  
CCRA 97th Annual Convention  
October 6-8, 2007**

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## CCRA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the California Court Reporters Association is to advance the profession of verbatim shorthand reporting by promoting professional reporting excellence through education, research, and the use of state-of-the-art technology; establishing and maintaining professional standards of practice; and advocating before legislative and regulatory bodies on issues which impact the judicial system and others served by the court reporting profession of California.

### IT'S CONVENTION TIME!

You won't want to miss CCRA's 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – **Reeltime in Hollywood** – on October 6 – 8 (Saturday through Monday) at the Downtown Los Angeles Marriott. There will be seminars, vendors, social events, and much more that will meet and exceed your expectations.

Our keynote speaker will be Mark Geragos – hear the scoop about his representation of Scott Peterson and the many other headline cases he's worked on. Our luncheon legislative speaker will be Assemblymember Curren Price, 51<sup>st</sup> Assembly District (Inglewood and surrounding area) who authored AB 1211, a bill co-sponsored by CCRA. Kathy DiLorenzo, NCRA President, will be in attendance in a big way. Kathy will not only speak at the luncheon but will be presenting seminars on captioning.

**Technology. Technology. Technology.** Well, by now you all know that I'm a true advocate for the use of technology in this great profession of ours. Join me in attending the many seminars geared toward educating you on current and future technologies. Not only will these seminars be educational, you will leave the convention with the confidence on how to implement them into your business of reporting.

**Fast. Fast. Fast.** Yes, back is the Annual Speed Contest and the Student Mock CSR. Thanks again to Nancy Patterson and Ned Branch for their dedication in making this an annual event. Additionally, Jason Meadors, NCRA board member and a reporter in Colorado, will be sharing and laugh-

ing with us about his popular article written for NCRA and published in The Journal – Faster, Faster, Faster. Join PACCRA's fundraiser, the 5K run (fast or slow) – everyone is invited to participate. You don't have to be fast for this event. It's really just about having fun and getting out of the hotel.



*Sandy Bunch  
VanderPol  
CSR, RMR, CRR*

### **Social. Social. Social.**

Along with the nearby local downtown L.A. hotspots, you will have available to you social activities sponsored by CCRA. There will be opportunities throughout the weekend to network with your colleagues from across the state. Don't forget your business cards!

**And Much More** – there will be seminars on punctuation, ergonomics, financial planning, et cetera. There is something for every one of you.

A special thanks to Carolyn Dasher, Doreen Perkins, Sandy Virago and Bonnie Alexander for the many hours they have spent to make the convention happen. You can help CCRA make it a success by registering now at [www.cal-ccra.org](http://www.cal-ccra.org). Don't be late in registering or you'll miss the early bird rate.

I look forward to meeting each one of you at the CCRA 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.



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# CCRA 97th Annual Convention - Hollywood in Reel Time

Technology, and the products and services derived from Technology, is the focus of many seminars at this year's annual convention. Our profession has survived as a result of technology – be a leader by committing to educating yourself about the technology that will lead you into the future. Along with the many technology-based seminars, you can choose from a variety of topic areas. You won't want to miss the social events and the networking with your many colleagues! Don't hesitate – send in your registration now. I look forward to meeting and talking with every one of you in LA.

Sandy Bunch VanderPol  
CCRA President



## Premiere Events!

### Friday, October 5, 2007

8 – 10 p.m.

#### President's Reception

(See onsite program for Suite number)

### Saturday, October 6, 2007

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

#### Wake-Up Walk

Get the day, and your heart, started the right way. Do it!

**Coach: Carolyn Joy Dasher**

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

#### Registration

9 a.m. - 12 Noon

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS – .3 CEUs\*

Vendors Are Here To Help You

[Note: Bring Your Own Equipment]

#### ProCat

Under Bob's leadership, ProCat has become a leading provider of CAT, CART, and Captioning Software within the court reporting industry and has been instrumental in developing many of the industry's "firsts." Bring your questions to Bob!

**Speaker: Bob Bakva**

#### Eclipse

Learn timesaving tips and techniques and get the most out of your software. This is a session to get your bothersome questions answered! Wil will have the answers!

**Speaker: Wil Wilcox**

#### StenoCAT

You will hear the details on getting the most from your software. Find out the techniques that will save you time and make you more profitable.

**Speaker: Tim Brunk**

#### Case Catalyst Hands-On Workshop

This workshop is all about solving problems! Learn all the editing and realtime shortcuts Case Catalyst has to offer.

**Speaker: Sandi Starbuck**

9 a.m – 1 p.m.

**Speed Contest – See separate registration line on form**

12 Noon – 5:30 p.m.

**Vendor Area Open / Lunch on your own**

1 – 2:30 p.m.

#### GENERAL SESSION

– KEYNOTE SPEAKER .15 CEUs\*

#### Hollywood Cases

Hear the insider scoop on cases that make the headlines including the recent Scott Peterson trial from the "attorney to the stars."

**Speaker: Mark Geragos, Esq.**



2 – 3 p.m.

**Break with Vendors**



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## Friday, October 5, 2007, Continued

3 – 4 p.m.

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS .10 CEUs\*

#### Ergonomics For Court Reporters; Preventing Discomfort, Pain and Stress Injuries

You will learn the true causes of repetitive stress and potentially life-changing solutions to apply immediately. Low risk techniques of stenotyping, keyboarding, sitting, and lifting will be practiced. Key task-specific stretches found to relieve neck, wrist and shoulder tension will help you gain control of how you feel on and off the job.

**Speaker: Dennis Downing**

#### Tech – Microsoft Vista

Get an overview of Microsoft's latest operating system. Topics will include Windows Firewall, Spyware Defender and User Account Control as well as how to find COM ports and how various CAT systems run with Vista. Learn what to buy when you upgrade your system.

**Speaker: Jason Perez**

#### When Not To Punctuate

We spend a lot of time learning where to put punctuation. In this seminar, we will explore where punctuation is not correct and should not be used. Learn tips on keeping your transcripts "punctuation free."

**Speaker: Margie Wakeman-Wells**

4 – 4:30 p.m.

#### Break with Vendors

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS / .10 CEUs\*

#### Tech – Windows XPerience

This is a "back to basics" Windows seminar covering customizing Windows main screen, using the Windows key and system tray and other keyboard shortcuts built into Windows. You'll learn how to make your own Windows shortcuts to save time and be more productive.

**Speaker: Candis Bradshaw**

#### Glamour Session – Makeup Artist For Star Reporters

Look like a star! This noted makeup artist has worked for KCBS, the Academy Awards show and many leading stars of Hollywood. Learn how to save money on makeup as you use it to look younger and more glamorous.

**Speaker: Barbara Behr**

#### Economic Tax Update

A noted accounting and tax consultant will offer a full range of financial information and advice with a revolutionary approach. Save money like the stars – stay ahead of the game! Come hear Phil tell you how.

**Speaker: Phil Liberatore**

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

#### Poolside No-Host Cocktail Reception

**Sponsored by Phil Liberatore**

*Entertainment provided by Adam Alvarado & Company*

CCRA Members and Guests are free to make dinner plans of personal choice.

## Sunday, October 7, 2007

6 – 7 a.m.

#### FUN RUN / WALK FOR PACCRA

Exercise and support a great cause all at the same time. See separate registration form.

**Coach: Jim Partridge**



7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

#### Registration

7:30 – 8 a.m.

#### Continental Breakfast with Vendors

8 – 9:30 a.m.

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS / .15 CEUs\*

#### Digital Signatures

When President Clinton signed E-SIGN in 2000, a new era was ushered in – an era where a digital signature was as legally binding as a pen-and-paper signature. Learn everything you need to know to use digital signatures effectively.

**Speaker: Candis Bradshaw**

#### The Ethics of Using "Audiosync"

Learn how to ensure the integrity of the record when using audiosync. Should there be audiosync guidelines that govern the extent of its use? Should .wav file be provided to parties as a value-added service? During this session, we will discuss your experiences and concerns about the latest technology.

**Panelists: Sandy Bunch VanderPol, Lesia Mervin, Yvonne Fenner, and Judy Gillespie**

#### Realtime Broadcast Captioning in 2007... Just The Facts, Part I

Learn all you need to know about this career move, including the knowledge and skills that you'll need to qualify as a captioner and to succeed in the business. You'll get an idea of how a captioner's work day differs from that of a judicial reporter. We'll discuss both the positives and the negatives of working from home as a remote captioner, as well as considerations in deciding whether you want to be an employee or an independent contractor. If you're convinced that you want to be a captioner, you will leave this seminar with a clear direction of how to reach your goal.

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**Speaker: Kathy DiLorenzo, NCRA 2008 President**

[NOTE: This is a lecture seminar; you do not need to bring equipment.]

**9:30 – 10 a.m.**

Break with Vendors

**10 – 11:30 am**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS / .15 CEUs\***



## Tech – Gadgets for the Reporter

Techno-gadgets help make our jobs easier ... and can wow our clients too. Come to this seminar to learn about all sorts of neat gadgets – from digital recorders to small scanners to microphones to wireless technology galore – that will bring some techno-zeal into your life!

**Speaker: Candis Bradshaw**

## Faster & Faster

In a seminar based on his popular JCR article, Jason Meadors, RPR, CRR, guides us through the increasingly fast-paced and high-demand world of deposition and court reporting, with humorous commentary on the phenomenon, while troubleshooting situations, exploring solutions, and reasserting our mission.

**Speaker: Jason Meadors**

## Captioning ... Just The Facts, Part II

See Part I at 8 a.m.

**Speaker: Kathy DiLorenzo, NCRA 2008 President**

**11:30 - 12 Noon**

Break with Vendors

**12 Noon – 2 p.m.**

**Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon  
Sandy Bunch VanderPol and Lesia Mervin**

## Luncheon Speaker:

**Assembly Member Curren D. Price**  
Assembly Member Price was elected to the California State Assembly in 2006. He serves as the Chair of the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee and as a member to the following committees: Business and Professions, Governmental Organizations, and Jobs, Economic Development and Professions.



## NCRA Report

**Kathy DiLorenzo, NCRA 2008 President**

Installation of Officers

Distinguished Service Award

**2 – 3:30 p.m.**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS / .15 CEUs\***

## Reporting and Delivering the Scott/Laci Peterson Trial Transcript

Real time delivery to the bench, daily transcript delivery to the court and counsel, using the internet for transcript delivery; let's get organized! All that and dealing with the media in high profile cases.

**Speakers: Laron Johnson and Linda Swanner**

## Stenomask vs. Stenograph

Jason Meadors, RPR, CRR, discusses his past as a voice reporter in the Marines, provides an overview of the history and realities of voice reporting technology, and addresses questions and concerns about the rapidly changing face of court reporting and captioning.

**Speaker: Jason Meadors**

## STENO STREFFP/Z – A Yoga Workshop

Learn the principals of movement and alignment and basic yoga posture to enhance your physical, emotional and intellectual strength.

**Instructor: Terry Littlefield**

[Note: Dress comfortably for stretching and easy movement.]

**2 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Apprentice Track: Mock C S R**

**Speakers: Debby Steinman, Ned Branch**

**3:30 – 4 p.m.**

Break with Vendors

**3:45 - 5:15 p.m.**

**Apprentice Track: Mock Written Exams and Review**

**Speaker: Margie Wakeman Welsh**

**4 – 5:30 p.m.**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS / .15 CEUs\***

## Freelancers and Firm Owners Talk It Out

An information exchange for freelance reporters and firm owners, along with an explanation of AB 1211, a new law affecting firms and freelancers.

Topics: Networking with firms; marketing; privacy issues; Who signs certificate pages, CRB's new Professional Standards and more. The last half hour will be a NCRA Town Hall Meeting. \*\*

**Facilitator: Sandy Bunch VanderPol**

**Panelists: Sheri Turner, Rose Goni-Davis, Natie Alvarado, Judy Gillespie, Kelly Roemer, Lynden Glover and Bill Greenley**

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## Officials Talk It Out

This could be the most valuable 90 minutes of your conference experience. The information exchange format will cut to the real issues including a review of AB 582 regarding transcript fees. The last half hour will be a NCRA Town Hall Meeting. \*\*

**Panelists:** *Lesia Mervin, Renee Grove, Jim Partridge, Teresa Fletcher and Tom Pringle*

## NCRA's Town Hall Meeting

\*\* Freelancers and Officials will meet together for CCRA presentation of NCRA's "first" Town Hall Meeting with NCRA 2008 President Kathy DiLorenzo.

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

No-Host Cocktail Reception

**Sponsored by LACCRA**

## Monday October 8, 2007

**6 – 7 a.m.**

Wake-Up Power Walk

**7:30 – 10 a.m.**

Registration Open

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

Continental Breakfast

**8:30 – 10 a.m.**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS / .15 CEUs\***

## Transcript Repositories

You'll discuss how transcript repositories work for official, freelance and firm owners, large and small. Hear the state-of-the-art functionalities on repositories and how to market them to the end user as well as what it takes to administer a repository.

**Facilitator:** *Sandy Bunch VanderPol*

**Panelists:** *Tom Lange, Jason Primuth, Bill Greenley, and Laron Johnson*

## The ABC's of Making Money: Taking Control of Your Financial Future Starting Today

This session will provide sound financial concepts in "everyday" language. You will be empowered to make changes in how you view money... and how you use money!

**Speaker:** *Tony Bastiaans*



## Are You Living Life To The Fullest or Selling Out?

Is your job consuming the majority of your time? Do you keep putting off that vacation because you're so busy working? Because you want to make more money and don't want to miss out on the next death penalty case? Because you want to report the next O&4 deposition? Because, because, because...? Consider the possibility of working 50 percent less and still be making as much, if not more, money. Learn how you can direct your life forward instead of reacting to what life throws your way. What would life be like for you then? In this seminar, we'll discuss those topics and more. Learn how you can create your life to go the way you want it to go instead of reacting to what life throws at you.

**Speaker:** *Diane Saunar*

**10 – 10:30 a.m.**

Session Break

**10:30 – 12 Noon**

**GENERAL SESSION / .15 CEUs\***

## The Magic to Balancing Stress

Dan will inspire us to infuse humor, creativeness and playfulness into our professional and personal lives thereby experiencing less stress and illness while increasing productivity! WOW! And, all attendees present at this closing session will receive passes to the world-famous Magic Castle located in the Hollywood Hills!

**Speaker:** *Dan Jordan*

**12 Noon**

**Drawing to Benefit Student Scholarship Fund**

**Chairman:** *Gerie Bunch*

**PACCRA Drawing**

**Chairman:** *Jim Partridge*

*Auction and Drawing items must be picked up immediately.*

**\* All CEU credits applied for and pending**

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## Details! Details!

### Hotel Information

Surrounded by popular venues for business, sports, arts and entertainment, the upscale Marriott Downtown Los Angeles is situated at the hub of the city with some of the best entertainment venues in the world within a few blocks. The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Museum of Contemporary Art, 7th Street Marketplace, great restaurants, browsing and shopping are within walking distance.

The accommodations are large and luxurious and can be yours for CCRA's convention rate of only \$125.00 a night, single or double. Reservations must be made by Friday, September 7, 2007.

Please make your reservations by calling Marriott Central Reservations toll free at 1-800-228-9290, or the hotel direct at 1-213-617-1133, and request the California Court Reporters Association Special Conference Group Rate.

## Special Activities

### SATURDAY NIGHT RECEPTION

After a full day of activity join your colleagues for a relaxing No-Host Cocktail Reception, with food sponsored by Phil Liberatore, at the beautifully palm tree surrounded poolside. Special entertainment will be provided by Adam Alvarado & Company.

### 5K FUN RUN/WALK

PACCRA's Annual FUNdraiser will be bright and early at 6:00am. You'll have bragging rights all day for doing it... and you'll feel better too. Additional fee - see registration form.

### CCRA SPEED CONTEST

Don't forget to register! Nominal fee; bring your own equipment. See registration form.

### SUNDAY NIGHT RECEPTION

Another chance to unwind and visit with colleagues. This great no-host bar reception is generously sponsored by LACCRA.

### STUDENTS (APPRENTICES)

Participating students will find value in the planned workshops and the CSR Mock classes on Sunday.

### SPONSOR A STUDENT

Help a student attend this year's convention. You can sponsor the registration or donate a flat fee to help pay for accommodations, travel, etc. Sponsorship donations will be distributed after the convention. See enclosed form.

### DRESS CODE

Business casual is suggested for convention activities. Remember to pack appropriate gear for 5K Run/Walk. Temperatures in hotel meeting rooms are sometimes cool so we suggest you bring sweaters and/or jackets.

## Mandatory Education for Officials

Changes to the California Rule of Court make it mandatory for all court employees, including court reporters, to complete eight hours of continuing education every two years. These continuing education requirements may be met by getting your supervisor to pre-approve your attendance at the seminars at the CCRA convention.

## PACCRA FUN 5K RUN/WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007

6:00 am in the lobby rain or shine!



**COURSE:** Baby strollers and wheelchairs welcome. No bikes, rollerblades, scooters, skateboards, Segways or pets will be permitted on the course.

**FEE:** Freelancer/Official/Virtual Runner: \$50.00. Register by Friday, September 15, 2007. After September 15th or on-site, add a \$15.00 late fee.

**FOR MORE RACE INFORMATION:** (916) 443-5090.

**Registration Form - Fax to (916) 451-9150**

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# CCRA 97th Annual Convention - Hollywood in Reel Time

## Hollywood in Reel Time • October 6-8, 2007

Please print or type information. Submit a separate registration form for each registrant.

**CCRA REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Rates apply to registration forms postmarked/faxed on or before 5:00 PM, September 7, 2007. After September 7, 2007, a \$30 late fee will be charged. Students pay a \$15 late fee. Returned checks will be assessed a \$25 processing fee. Cancellation policy: Cancellations must be received in writing (fax or e-mail accepted) by 5:00 PM, September 28, 2007, to qualify for a refund. There will be a \$10 processing fee for all refunds. No refunds for cancellations received after 5:00 PM, September 28, 2007.



NAME:	NCRA #:
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<b>Full Registration</b> (Includes Seminars, Breaks, Business Meeting, Luncheon, Exhibits, Saturday & Sunday Receptions)	\$295	\$325	\$395	\$425	\$140	\$155	\$200	\$215
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If your registration includes meal functions, please indicate which events you plan to attend:

- SATURDAY:  Reception
- SUNDAY:  Continental Breakfast  
 Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon  
 Reception
- MONDAY:  Continental Breakfast

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**  
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**Additional Activities:**

- SATURDAY:  Reception @ \$25 each
- SUNDAY:  Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon @ \$55 each  Sunday Reception @ \$25 each

- Speed Contest - Saturday, October 6 - \$25**
- LACCRA Members - Deduct \$100 from full convention registration or \$50 from partial registration.**

You will need to bring your own equipment including laptop, writer, fully charged, and power cord

- Payment:**  Check made payable to CCRA  
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- I wish to sponsor a specific student (Name of student): \_\_\_\_\_

(Please have named student register with your name in Credit Card box.)

- I wish to sponsor any one student requesting assistance.
- Please share my contact information with the student.
- Yes, you may list me in CCRA publications as a Sponsor.
- I wish to remain anonymous.

**My donation will be included in my registration total.**

**SIGN UP Online at [www.cal-ccra.org](http://www.cal-ccra.org) or**

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# Governor Schwarzenegger Signs CCRA's AB 1211

## First bill by Inglewood's Assemblymember Curren Price signed into law provides for deposition reporters to be paid in a timely fashion

When Curren Price was elected to the California State Assembly in November 2006, he joined a group of fellow first-termers numbering 33 of 80 members. On July 20, 2007, he became one of the first of the new group to have a bill enacted into law.

AB 1211 is a measure co-sponsored by the California Court Reporters Association that provides the requesting attorney has the obligation to timely pay for the deposition product. According to Sandy Bunch VanderPol, CCRA's President, "Too often our people have difficulty collecting from attorneys who have ordered their services. AB 1211 clarifies who is responsible for the timely payment of deposition services – the requesting attorney or persons representing themselves – and not their clients."

### "AB 1211 clarifies who is responsible for the timely payment of deposition services..."

Assemblymember Price represents the 51<sup>st</sup> Assembly District, which includes Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, Playa Vista, Westchester, West Compton and other surrounding areas in Los Angeles County. Mr. Price currently chairs the Assembly Elections & Reapportionment Committee and sits on three other standing committees.

In his brief tenure in Sacramento, Assemblymember Price has introduced 30 legislative measures, including expanding the right to vote, increased benefits for California's workers, more financial aid for students, and greater access to the capital for small business owners.



From 1993 to 1997 and 2001 to 2006, Mr. Price was an elected member of the Inglewood City Council and has also served on the Los Angeles County Commission on Insurance, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's South Bay Governance Council as well as a consultant with the Small Business Development Center of the Small Business Administration.

### Most legislators never forget their first bill signed into law.

Assemblymember Price received a B.A. in Political Science from Stanford University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Santa Clara School of Law.

Most legislators never forget their first bill signed into law. It's a special occasion and CCRA is proud to have been part of Assemblymember Price's history in the Assembly. Even Frank Murphy, who represented CCRA for 29 years, remembers his first bill, one signed by then-Governor Ronald Reagan in 1967. "It was a bill that continued the 25-cent bounty on yellow-billed magpies," recalled Murphy, who was elected in 1966 from Santa Cruz County. "The pesky birds presented real problems for agriculture and the bill was an important district measure," added Murphy.

### Congratulations, Assemblymember Price, from all of us at the CCRA!



# AB 1211 (Price) Signed By Governor Schwarzenegger

*By Sandy Bunch VanderPol, CCRA President*

On Friday, July 27, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law AB 1211, a bill cosponsored by CCRA and DRA. This new law will become effective on January 1, 2008. (This bill would make the attorney responsible for payment of products and services provided by the deposition officer and/or the firm rather than the party.)

First and foremost, I would personally like to thank the many dedicated volunteers who made themselves available to work this bill through the legislature. Many of you wrote letters to the Assembly and Senate Judiciary Committees and to our Governor to support this bill.

Your effort truly made a difference in the eyes of the legislators and the governor.

Thanks to our Deposition Advisory Chair, Sheri Turner, and the committee members – Bill Greenley, Kelly Roemer, Lynden Glover, Paula Killion, Craig Wood, Mark Brickman, Jan White, Rose Goni and Ray Eggebraaten – for their time spent on the specifics of the language in the bill, the amendments thereto and the analysis of the bill as it worked its way through the legislature.

Special thanks to Lisa Kaplan, CCRA's lobbyist who dedicated many hours to this bill. Lisa spent hours walking the halls of the Capitol educating the appropriate committee members and their staff about AB 1211, writing support letters, meeting with trial lawyers' lobbyists and much more.

Additionally, CCRA thanks Curren Price, Jr. for his authorship of AB 1211 and specifically Cliff Costa, Assemblyman Price's staff person assigned to this bill.

Please look for an in-depth analysis of this bill and how it affects you as a deposition reporter and you as a firm owner in September's CCRA Online. Additionally, this new language will be a topic of our freelance seminar at our 97th Annual Convention on October 6-8 in Los Angeles.

The specific language of the new law:

Added to Code of Civil Procedure 2025.510:

- (h) (1) The requesting attorney or party appearing in propria persona shall timely pay the deposition officer or the entity providing the services of the deposition officer for the transcription or copy of the transcription described in subdivision (b) or (c), and any other deposition products or services that are requested either orally or in writing.*
- (2) This subdivision shall apply unless responsibility for the payment is otherwise provided by law or unless the deposition officer or entity is notified in writing at the time the services or products are requested that the party or another identified person will be responsible for payment.*
- (3) This subdivision does not prohibit or supersede an agreement between an attorney and a party allocating responsibility for the payment of deposition costs to the party.*
- (i) For purposes of this section, "deposition product or service" means any product or service provided in connection with a deposition that qualifies as shorthand reporting, as described in Section 8017 of the Business and Professions Code, and any product or service derived from that shorthand reporting.*



# **NEW! MANDATORY COURT EMPLOYEE EDUCATION**

**Effective January 1, 2007**

*By Lesia J. Mervin, VP Officials*

**Did you know there's a new California Rule of Court that makes it mandatory for all court employees, including court reporters, to complete eight hours of continuing education every two years?**

**To meet that continuing education requirement, save the date of October 6 – 8 and plan to attend CCRA's annual convention. Check with your court's management for the guidelines they may have established for this process.**

## **2007 California Rules of Court**

### **Rule 10.464. Trial court managers, supervisors, and personnel**

#### **(a) Applicability**

**All California trial court managers, supervisors, and personnel must complete these minimum education requirements.**

#### **(c) Hours-based requirements**

- (2) Each court employee who is not a manager or supervisor must complete 8 hours of continuing education every two years, with the exception of employees who do not provide court administrative or operational services.....
- (3) The first two-year period for all court managers, supervisors, and personnel begins on January 1, 2007.
- (4) Any education offered by a provider listed in rule 10.471(a) and any other education, including education taken to satisfy a statutory, rules-based, or other education requirement, that is approved by the executive officer or the employee's supervisor as meeting the criteria listed in rule 10.471(b) applies toward the orientation education required under (b) and the continuing education required under (c)(1) and (2).

### **Rule 10.471. Approved course criteria**

#### **b) Approved education criteria**

Education is not limited to the approved providers listed in (a). Any education from a provider not listed in (a) that is approved by the presiding judge as meeting the criteria listed below may be applied toward the continuing education expectations and requirements for judges and subordinate judicial officers or requirements for court executive officers stated in rule 10.462(d) or 10.463(c), respectively. Similarly, any education from a provider not listed in (a) that is approved by the court executive officer or by the employee's supervisor as meeting the criteria listed below may be applied toward the orientation or continuing education requirements for managers, supervisors, and employees in rule 10.464(b) and (c)(1), (2).

(1) The education must meet the following three criteria:

- (A) The subject matter is relevant to the work of the courts or the judicial branch;
- (B) The education is at least one hour in length; and
- (C) Anticipated learning outcomes (how new knowledge, skills, or abilities will be applied, demonstrated, or used) are identified prior to the education work.

(2) The education must also meet at least two of the following five criteria:

- (A) The learning environment is educationally sound (e.g., distractions are limited and the physical location is conducive to learning the subject matter);
- (B) The participant receives or has access to all the reference tools and other materials and resources (such as handouts) that are required for learning and applying the content (such as job aids or scripts);

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- (C)The participant has an opportunity to practice using or applying the new information or skill (through direct experience, role play, or case studies/hypothetical situations) as part of the learning experience;
- (D)The participant has the opportunity to interact with knowledgeable faculty or other experts in the topical area to pose questions or clarify understanding;
- (E)An assessment tool or activity (such as the development of an action plan to apply the newly gained knowledge or skill) enables the participant to determine whether the skills, abilities, or knowledge gained through the education can be used in the future in his or her work.



## Stenograph Subsidiary, Speche Communications, Sold to Courtroom Connect **Courtroom Connect will Build on the Momentum Established by Stenograph**

Stenograph, LLC, a leading technology supplier to the court reporting and legal communities, announced today the sale of their subsidiary, Speche Communications, to Courtroom Connect, a technology solution provider in the legal industry.

*“Speche’s technology has blossomed...”*

Stenograph acquired Speche Communications back in 2002. Since then, Speche’s patented realtime text streaming technology has become a key platform for distributing realtime testimony to any number of remote computers via the Internet. Courtroom Connect has been one of Speche’s largest customers for several years and has incorporated the technology into their suite of litigation products and services.

“Speche’s technology has blossomed to a point where its potential exceeds the boundaries of our specific market focus,” says John Wenclawski, President of Stenograph. “Courtroom Connect is well positioned to better penetrate the legal market and to drive Speche’s flexible technology to other markets as well.”

All existing employees of Speche Communications will be a part of the company transfer. “Our intent is to build upon the momentum established by Stenograph,” Louis Goldberg, Chief Operating Officer at Courtroom Connect stated. “The technology is only as good as the people behind it, and their transfer was an integral part of this move.”

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Courtroom Connect is assuming and honoring all existing licenses and customer contracts as part of the acquisition. Contact names, numbers, and e-mail addresses for employees of Speche Communications will remain the same.

For information on Speche Communications, call 1-800-823-6879 or visit [www.speche.com](http://www.speche.com). For information on Courtroom Connect, visit [www.courtroomconnect.com](http://www.courtroomconnect.com).



### **Natie Flores Alvarado** **CSR No. 9016**



Natie is a graduate of Bryan College of Court Reporting. She has been a freelance court reporter since 1991. She has owned and operated Alvarado Court Reporters since 1994 and currently has offices in West Covina and Torrance, California. Natie and her firm have worked on a variety of complex cases for the last 16 years, including cases involving civil rights, medical malpractice, business, construction, maritime, insurance, employment, and public works issues.

Natie has been a member of CCRA, NCRA, and several other professional California court reporting organizations since she began her reporting career. She is also involved with the Braille Institute, currently serving as President of the East San Gabriel Valley Braille Auxiliary; is a member of Assistance League for Covina Valley; just finished working on her sister's successful campaign to the L.A. Unified School District; and she enjoys her free time playing tennis, learning golf, attending college courses to obtain her Bachelor's degree, and spending time with her family and friends, especially her two sons, Jonathan (22) and Adam (16), who are the angels in her life.

Natie is one of about 46 other U.S. court reporters who traveled to China in June to participate in a People to People "Delegation of Court Reporters to China" trip. That will most certainly be a highlight of her career for many, many years to come.

Natie is excited to have been elected to CCRA's Board and is looking forward to working with the dynamic and dedicated team that heads this organization.



### **Lynden J. Glover** **CSR No. 5510**



Lynden has been a CSR in Southern California for 26 years. She, along with her partner and husband, Lowell Glover, have owned and operated Lynden J. And Associates for more than 20 years. During Lynden's career she has reported the entire spectrum of hearings and depositions and has been fortunate enough to travel to London, Scotland, and Singapore on international cases. Lynden is also very proud to have served as the Los Angeles Police Department's primary court reporting and transcription service for more than 20 years, having personally reported in such high-profile hearings as the Rodney King and Rampart Boards of Rights.

Lynden has been a member of NCRA and an RPR for 21 years and is a current member of RASCAL. For the past year she has served as a member of CCRA's Deposition Advisory Committee.

Lynden has a son who is a senior at Fountain Valley High School and a 12-year-old daughter who is a successful competitive ballet and jazz dancer. During the summer, Lynden and her family enjoy taking out their boat at Lake Mead in Nevada and then from there heading up to the beautiful mountains of Brian Head, Utah where they have their vacation condo.



## Court Reporters in Critically Short Supply

### Scribes Who Keep the Record Straight for the Likes of Paris Hilton and Scooter Libby Face Diminishing Ranks

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High profile courtroom proceedings like those surrounding Paris Hilton and Scooter Libby are high drama for most of us, but they're work-a-day routine for the devoted court reporters who meticulously transcribe every jot of these proceedings. They are essential guardians of the record in the halls of justice.

While few may realize just how important a role court reporters play, one area resident who does is Natalie Alcott-Bernal. A graduate of the court reporting course at Cerritos Community College here, she has earned her state license and has joined the ranks of a profession that finds itself more in-demand than ever.

**Her preparation was rigorous and challenging, but the outlook for her future is extremely favorable.**

Ms. Alcott-Bernal is currently an independent contractor with an agency that specializes in depositions, and she provides services to people who are deaf and hard of hearing. As she proceeds with her career, she may find herself working in settings as far flung as courthouses, law offices, legislatures, university lecture halls, television studios, high-powered conferences of business and industry, even cathedrals or theaters...wherever and whenever words must be transcribed quickly and accurately. Court reporters, who often earn upwards of \$70,000 annually, also may be employed by government offices or professional firms.

If supply-and-demand trends were functioning as they should, Natalie Alcott-Bernal should have lots of company in her chosen line of work. More schools of higher education, both public and private, should be hanging out the welcome sign for students clamoring to sign up for court reporting classes.

But such is not the case. The fact is that skilled practitioners of this craft are in acutely short supply. Nationally, fewer than 350 graduated this year from courses certified by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). For last year's state testing in California, only 85 new court reporters earned licenses.

This paradox highlights a need for action that Mark Golden, executive director and CEO of the NCRA, calls "immediate and profound." A century-old organization that promotes excellence among those who capture and convert the spo-

ken word to text, the NCRA represents about half of all court reporters in the United States.

"These are highly trained professionals with the ability to convert the spoken word into information that can be read, searched and archived," Golden says. "This specialization has created new career paths for reporters, including broadcast captioning and realtime translation services for people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing."

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 also boosted demand for court reporters by mandating large increases in the numbers and types of television broadcasts that must be closed-captioned. A January 1, 2006 deadline for closed captioning of all new English programming was not met due to a shortage of captioners, leaving millions of Americans who are deaf or hearing impaired without access to television programming and information that may be critical in emergencies.

To help meet the need for more court reporters, bills currently before the Senate and House call for competitive grants to train reporters who caption broadcasts and those who specialize in a vital service called Communications Access Real-time Translation. CART provides an immediate translation of all spoken words and environmental sounds in classrooms, courtrooms, religious services, conventions, and conferences. It seeks to ensure that the millions of Americans who are deaf, have hearing impairments or who may be learning English as a second language are not excluded from taking part in civic, religious and cultural events.

The National Court Reporters Association is also boosting its outreach efforts to inform potential students about the advantages of choosing this field as a career path. Information is available on the NCRA's Web sites at [www.NCRAonline.org](http://www.NCRAonline.org) and [www.Bestfuture.com](http://www.Bestfuture.com).

"The training is not for the faint of heart," says Gerie Bunch, chairperson of the California Court Reporters Association's Support our Students Committee that offers scholarships, mentoring and other services to students. "Court reporting courses take two to four years to complete. They call for a great deal of practice, and demand highly-developed skills of dexterity and concentration. But for those who make it -- who become guardians of the record -- the rewards and sense of making a real contribution make it all worthwhile."





# What CCRA's Support Our Students Committee Does for Students

By Gerie A. Bunch, CSR, RPR, CCRA SOS Committee Chair

**Each One Reach One Mentoring Program** - For better than five years, CCRA members have been providing mentoring for students through this mentoring program. Students who need encouragement and some guidance are quickly matched up with a volunteer from our association who e-mails the students and hopefully provides the encouragement that student needs. This program is monitored and gives students and mentors the opportunity for feedback if their match-up is working or not working.

**Sponsor a Student Membership** - Each year, very generous members send in an extra donation for a student to become a member. Those certificates are sent to the schools and distributed by them to 180 to 200 wpm level students. By sending in the certificate, a student becomes a member for a year. This benefits them because they have to be a member to qualify for the scholarship and for sponsorship to the annual convention. Additionally, students then receive the "CCRA Online" publication and can take advantage of other member benefits.

**Scholarships** - For the past three years, the SOS Committee has judged essay entries for the one, sometimes two, \$500 scholarships that are awarded. Scholarships are given to stu-

dents in the 160 – 180 wpm and 180 – 200 wpm levels if they qualify and are the winner. To qualify, a student just has to be a member in good standing with their school, be a member of CCRA, and write a one-page essay highlighting the qualities it takes to be a successful reporter. The state's local CR associations continually contribute to this fund.

**Sponsorship to the Convention** - Every year, we have members who want to see students have a chance to attend our convention. Their benevolence has made it possible. A complete and informative student track is offered that culminates in a Mock CSR. There is also an opportunity for students to meet working reporters and CCRA Board members during our social gatherings. Most students have had a wonderful time and come away energized for their future careers.

**Ask a Reporter** - Questions are asked and answered from the "Ask a Reporter" tab on our website. Students frequently write asking about online programs, whether this will still be a profession in 10 years, which schools have the best pass rate; coming from another state and qualifying here, etc. Responses are given within 48 hours, which helps students make informed decisions.

## What do CCRA Members and the SOS Committee Do for Schools?

**Donations:** Because of a continuous publication in our magazine and now "CCRA Online" reporters call with machines to donate. An e-mail goes out to all the schools and then quickly the lonesome machines stored in the garage are matched up to a school and eventually to a needy student reporter. Also several members save their scraps of steno paper and give them to nearby schools for their students to use.

**Articles in Cal-I-grams and CCRA Online:** Over the last several years, the court reporting schools, both private and public, have been, and will be, highlighted in our publications. Our members who have some familiarity with a school in their region have written most of the articles. They have done both telephonic and personal interviews and included photos in their highlights. This is an opportunity for schools to shine and talk about any special features they might have.

**Survey:** For the last six years, a survey of all 16 (until recently, 17) schools has been conducted. The survey asks questions about total student enrollment, new student enrollment, enrollment in online programs, and any mentoring program being utilized by their students. This information has been used by the Judicial Council, the Court Reporters Board, and for publication of the overall increase of student enrollment in court reporting programs in the last six years. At the same time, schools are asked to take a look at our website to ensure the information we have about their school is accurate.

**Legislative Action:** As a watchdog for our profession, the legislative advisor and our lobbyists review hundreds of pages of changes in the codes that pertain to court reporters and related fields, such as training and schools. If something affects the schools, we ask for their input so that we can convey their/our concerns to the Judicial Council.

**Presentations:** CCRA members throughout the state have given presentations at their local court reporting schools. Students love it when a "real" reporter takes the time to come to their classes and talk about "What it's really like out there." Many of these presenters are past graduates from that school's program. It's a chance for reporters to give back.

**Career Days:** Hundreds of reporters throughout the state present at career days at high schools, junior colleges, 4-H, Girl Scouts and other civic groups. These reporters give freely of their time to tell young people about this profession and how great it is. A Career Day kit was developed to help reporters get started in presenting. The kit is packed full of handouts, lists of schools, brochures and examples of the different fields of court reporting. This benefits all schools because it sparks interest in the profession and therefore enrollment in CR programs.



## Legislative Update

For information concerning this report or the information contained herein, you may contact California Court Reporters Association, Attn. Sandy Bunch VanderPol, CSR #3032, at 2400 22nd Street, Suite 110, Sacramento, California 95815 (916) 443-5090 or by e-mail at [RealtimeCSR@calweb.com](mailto:RealtimeCSR@calweb.com).

**AB 32** (Fuller [R] ) Career technical education: work certification training.

**Status:** 06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE  
**Current Location:** 06/01/2007-A 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Existing law requires school districts to adopt a course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, that includes, among other things, career technical education. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to provide, within the public school system, work certification training options to pupils who are between the ages of 16 and 18 years, have passed the high school exit examination, and have the consent of their parents or guardians, with particular emphasis on job specific skilled labor and technical training. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 159** (Jones [D] ) Courts: judgeships.

**Status:** 07/17/2007-Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
**Current Location:** 07/17/2007-S APPR.

**Calendar Events:** 08/20/07 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SEN APPROPRIATIONS

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Governor to submit to a designated agency of the State Bar of California the names of all potential appointees or nominees for a vacant judicial office for evaluation of their judicial qualifications. Existing law also requires the Governor, on or before March 1, 2007, and annually on or before each March 1 thereafter, to disclose aggregate statewide demographic data provided by all judicial applicants relative to ethnicity and gender. This bill would require the Governor to collect and release, on an aggregate statewide basis, demographic data provided by all judicial applicants relative to ethnicity, race, and gender and demographic data relative to ethnicity, race, and gender of all judicial appointments or nominations as provided by the judicial appointee or nominee. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 299** (Tran [R] ) Maintenance of the codes.

**Status:** 07/27/2007-Signed by the Governor  
**Current Location:** 07/27/2007-A CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Existing law directs the Legislative Counsel to advise the Legislature from time to time as to legislation necessary to maintain the codes. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in various provisions of law to effectuate the recommendations made by the Legislative Counsel to the Legislature.

**AB 310** (Silva [R] ) Maintenance of the codes.

**Status:** 07/12/2007-Read second time. To Consent Calendar.  
**Current Location:** 07/12/2007-S CONSENT CALENDAR

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the California Law Revision Commission. Existing law authorizes the commission to recommend changes in the law as it deems necessary to modify or eliminate antiquated and inequitable rules of law and bring the law into harmony with modern conditions. This bill would make technical and minor changes to various laws.



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**[AB 500](#)** (Lieu [D] ) **Civil actions: telephonic appearances.**  
**Status:** 07/05/2007-Read second time. To third reading.  
**Current Location:** 07/05/2007-S THIRD READING

**Summary:** Existing law permits attorneys to make appearances by telephone at trial setting conferences, except as specified. This bill would permit a party to appear by telephone in any conference or hearing at which witnesses are not expected to be called to testify. The bill would require the party choosing to appear by telephone to provide notice in either the moving or opposing papers or by oral or written notification at least 3 court days before the appearance. The bill would permit a court to provide teleconferencing appearances by entering into a contract with a private vendor, pursuant to which the vendor would be permitted to charge a party appearing by telephone a reasonable fee, and would also permit a court to require a particular call provider to be used for telephone appearances. The bill would require a court to publish notice providing the information necessary to appear by telephone at conferences and hearings. The bill would also specify the application of these provisions to probate proceedings.

**[AB 582](#)** (Evans [D] ) **Court transcription fees.**  
**Status:** 06/21/2007-Referred to Com. on JUD.  
**Current Location:** 06/21/2007-S JUD.

**Summary:** This bill is sponsored by SEIU with CCRA and COCRA actively working with SEIU. This bill would provide for an increase in the folio rates for transcripts prepared by the official court reporter and official reporter pro tempore. This bill would also create a statewide uniform transcript format.

**[AB 863](#)** (Davis [D] ) **Los Angeles County Superior Court employees.**  
**Status:** 07/05/2007-Read second time. To third reading.  
**Current Location:** 07/05/2007-S THIRD READING

**Summary:** Existing law provides that each trial court may establish a salary range for each of its employee classifications, and considerations shall include, but are not limited to, local market conditions and other local compensation-related issues such as difficulty of recruitment or retention. This bill would require the Los Angeles County Superior Court to pay each employee in a bargaining unit represented by any specified employee organization an amount equivalent to the additional amount the employee would have received if the reclassification raise the employee received on October 1, 2005, had been retroactive to August 1, 2005. The bill would also provide that the Legislature urges the Los Angeles County Superior Court to act in a responsible manner and disburse the funds, which are currently held by the Administrative Office of the Courts, as directed for the purposes of paying the amounts prescribed in this act.

**[AB 1025](#)** (Bass [D] ) **Professions and vocations: licensure.**  
**Status:** 07/10/2007-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 5. Noes 3.) .  
**Current Location:** 07/10/2007-S APPR.  
**Calendar Events:** 08/20/07 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SEN APPROPRIATIONS

**Summary:** This bill pertains to court reporter licensure, among other vocational licenses, and would provide that a person may not be denied licensure based solely on a criminal conviction if the person has been rehabilitated, as specified. The bill would also provide that a person may not be denied licensure or have his or her license suspended or revoked solely based on a criminal conviction that has been dismissed on specified grounds, unless the board provides substantial evidence, as specified, justifying the denial suspension, or revocation. The bill would require the board to provide an applicant or ex-licensee whose application has been denied or whose license has been suspended or revoked based upon a crime with a copy of his or her criminal history record, as specified. The bill would require the board to maintain specified information pertaining to the provision of criminal history records and to make that information available upon request by the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The bill would require the department, to prepare annual reports to the Legislature documenting the board's denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses based on the bill's provisions.

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### [AB 1211](#) (Price [D] ) Depositions: costs.

**Status:** 07/20/2007-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 115, Statutes of 2007

**Current Location:** 07/20/2007-A CHAPTERED

**Summary:** This bill would provide that the obligation to timely pay the deposition officer or entity providing the services of the deposition officer for that transcription, and any other deposition products or services that are requested, shall be the responsibility of the requesting attorney or a party representing himself or herself, unless responsibility for the payment is otherwise provided by law or the deposition officer or entity is notified in writing that the party or another identified person will be responsible for payment. The bill would provide that these provisions do not prohibit or supersede an agreement between an attorney and a party allocating responsibility for the payment of deposition costs to the party .

### [SB 145](#) (Corbett [D] ) Court facilities.

**Status:** 07/18/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

**Current Location:** 07/18/2007-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Judicial Council, in consultation with the superior court of each county and the county, to enter into agreements concerning the transfer of responsibility for court facilities from that county to the Judicial Council. Transfer of responsibility may occur not earlier than July 1, 2004, and not later than June 30, 2007. This bill would extend the deadline for the transfer of responsibility for court facilities to December 31, 2008. The bill would require that any transfer agreement that has not been executed by June 30, 2008, contain a requirement that the county pay an additional amount annually, to be calculated pursuant to a specified method. The bill would provide that the county is not required to make the additional payment if the county has submitted a proposed county facilities payment in connection with court facilities. The bill would make related, conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

### [SB 649](#) (Committee on Judiciary ) Trial court restructuring.

**Status:** 07/12/2007-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 43, Statutes of 2007

**Current Location:** 07/12/2007-S CHAPTERED

**Summary:** The California Constitution provides for the abolition of municipal courts and their unification within the superior courts, as specified. This bill would conform various statutory provisions of law to the abolition of municipal courts and their unification within the superior courts. The bill would also make related statutory changes with respect to the classification of limited civil cases, appeals in limited civil cases and misdemeanor and infraction cases, and arraignment by 2-way electronic audiovideo communication. This bill contains other related provisions.

### [SB 823](#) (Perata [D] ) Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007.

**Status:** 07/17/2007-Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Current Location:** 07/17/2007-A APPR.

**Summary:** The Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 generally sets minimum standards of instructional quality, ethical and business practices, health and safety, and fiscal responsibility for private postsecondary and vocational educational institutions, INCLUDING PRIVATE COURT REPORTING SCHOOLS, as defined. The act establishes in the Department of Consumer Affairs the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, which, among other things, is required to review and investigate all institutions, programs, and courses of instruction approved under the act. This bill would recast, revise, and reenact the provisions of the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 as the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007. The bill would establish the Board for Private Postsecondary Education in the Department of Consumer Affairs, and would provide that the board would generally succeed to the duties assigned to the bureau under the 1989 act. The bill would repeal the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007 on January 1, 2015. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.



# AB 582 (Evans) Update

By Sandy Bunch VanderPol, Interim Legislative Advisor


AB 582, as a reminder, is the bill that would give official reporters a raise on their transcript fees, both the original and the copy rates. Assemblywoman Noreen Evans, who was a transcriber for court reporters during her college years, authors this bill. Sponsoring AB 582 is SEIU, the union that represents many of the official court reporters throughout the state. CCRA has been instrumental in supporting the efforts of SEIU in getting this bill passed.

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Assemblymember Evans has been a strong advocate for official reporters receiving a raise. After all, it's been 17 years since there's been a raise on the O + 1, and 103 years since there's been a raise on the copies!

Since our last CCRA Online publication, AB 582 has moved to the Senate Judiciary Committee (SJC) and will be "parked" there and taken up next year. During next year's legislative session, CCRA will, once again, be working with SEIU to move this bill forward.

One of the main reasons for AB 582 stalling in the SJC results from the State's budget shortfall. Next year CCRA will be working tirelessly with SEIU to get AB 582 passed. Quoting Michelle Castro, SEIU's lobbyist: "We've come a long way and have gotten over some really major hurdles, but there are still some that we just can't overcome this year." 



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Requests for Court Transcripts may be submitted via e-mail. In order to process your request, please provide the following information in your email request:

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- Date of Proceedings
- Name of Judge
- Name of Court Reporter
- Location of Courthouse where Hearing/Trial was held

**Note:** Please allow one week to be contacted by the reporter. If you have not been contacted in one week please call Court Reporter Services at (714) 834-5323.



Requests must be emailed to: [webmaster@occourts.org](mailto:webmaster@occourts.org)

## Louisiana Style Shrimp Scampi

By Gerie A. Bunch, CSR, RPR, CCRA SOS Committee Chair

½ c. butter melted  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 scallion minced  
½ c. dry white wine

½ c. chicken stock  
2 tsp. cornstarch dissolved in ¼ c. cold water

28 med. to lg. shrimps, peeled  
½ c. flour (or cornstarch)  
4 eggs, beaten

1 c. canola oil  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
¼ to ½ tsp. Tabasco sauce  
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

Sauté garlic and onions in butter and wine and set aside. In a small pot, bring the chicken stock to a boil and then add the water mixed with cornstarch to the stock; bring to boil again and set aside.

In a medium sauté pan, bring the oil to 350 degrees. Dredge the shrimp with flour or cornstarch and then soak in beaten eggs for 2 minutes. Add the shrimp to the hot oil and sauté until crispy and golden brown on both sides. This happens very quickly so be sure to not overcook. Set aside for 5 minutes. Drain the oil from the pan. Add the scallion/garlic mixture and the chicken base mixture. Add the Worcestershire, Tabasco and lemon juice; simmer for 3 minutes. Add the shrimp just long enough to slightly reheat. Serve over hot rice and garnish with freshly chopped scallions and lemon wedges. This is also good served over pasta.



## Marvelous Macros In Eclipse

By Steven Kosmata, San Diego Superior Court, Dept. 67

The more you learn, the more you want to share with everyone else – just ask any Eclipse reporter at the San Diego Superior Court.

This month's lesson is inspired by one of my fellow San Diego reporters, Teri Smith, who wanted to know if a macro could be created to read in a block file while editing instead of going through the usual steps of alt+R, searching for the block file, double clicking, and then reading it into your transcript.

Good question, Teri. The answer is yes, and here's how to create a macro.

Open up Eclipse, go to your User settings (Alt+U), "Edit" tab, "Macros." Click on the "new" tab. Your cursor will be blinking in the "Macro Name" box. Name your macro the same name as your block file. I like it in all caps to be able to find it easier. Now, click your cursor in the big empty box below, and a blue bar will appear.

Click the "Add Command" box; click on the down arrow. You are going to search for a command called "Read block." It's easy to find if you hit your "R" six or seven times. With the "Read Block" command highlighted, hit the "Okay" button, and you should now return to the original box with your one command line.

Hit "Add command" again, click the down arrow, and hit your "T" looking for the command "Type Text," and add.

Click your cursor on the blue box and type in letter by letter the exact name of your block file you want to read in. Hit your "Tab" button three times and then your "enter" button once.

Your macro is created.

Now, to create your speed keys for your keyboard. You'll see the tab "Speed Keys," click on that; click the circle for speed keys, and add use whatever keys you would like to bring in your block file. I use Shift+Ctrl+m to read in my Marked exhibit block file. Click OK, click OK again, and you've just created a shortcut to read in a block file from your keyboard.

It's a great time saver!!

So for those of who are more visual, here are the commands again:

Cmd: Read Block  
Cmd: Type text  
F  
I  
L  
E  
N  
A  
M  
E  
Tab  
Tab  
Tab  
Enter

Should you pick a key or keys that are already assigned, Eclipse will ask you if you want to override that and add this new shortcut, so either say yes or try another combination.

Expand your knowledge of Eclipse and allow it to better serve your specific needs. If you have any questions about this lesson, please email me at [Eclipse-sd@att.net](mailto:Eclipse-sd@att.net).



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### Instructors Needed

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### Other Opportunities, Continued

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