

Mario A. Rodriguez
Education Day 2023

March 18, 2023 Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Henrico, Virginia	
7:00 a.m.	Registration Open
7:00 to 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffett
8:00 to 9:00 a.m.	<p>StenoMasters - Public Speaking for Court Reporters and Captioners Joshua Edwards, RDR, CRR, CRC (.10/.10/1.0)</p> <p>StenoMasters is chartered under Toastmasters International and is the perfect place to get involved in a supportive community of fellow stenographers from all over the country -- and even the world -- to practice the skill of public speaking. The attendees will learn about the importance of timing, preparation, eliminating filler words, speech structure, word choice, body language, and feedback.</p>
9:00 to 10:30 a.m.	<p>Memory Power - Part II Paul Mellor (.15/.15/1.5)</p> <p>In today's business world, having the ability to remember names and faces, beat absent-mindedness, and recall facts and figures puts you at the head of the pack. In this fun-filled session you'll learn time-tested techniques for recalling names, speaking without notes, and gaining control of your day without the fear of forgetting. When you're skilled in memory all your other skills get better. This program shows how.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES Attendees will gain skills to recall names and faces. Attendees will implement techniques to build a 'mental filing system' to recall information. Attendees will learn how to think quickly and accurately with confidence.</p> <p>Note: If you attended Paul's Memory Power presentation at the Celebrate Wellness Virtual Webinar in 2021, rest assured that his in-person presentation is completely different. More interaction, more demonstrations, and no PowerPoint.</p>
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.	Break/Pro Bono Award
11:00 to 12:00 p.m.	<p>Running a Court Reporting Firm Matt Ridge, CLVS (.10/.10/1.0)</p> <p>Matt will speak to us on how the back office of an agency runs. From the first call of the morning to the last call of the day, Matt will discuss each and all steps to getting through the typical day behind the wheel of a busy court reporting agency. He will touch on scheduling, from years in advance to ten minutes ago. He will discuss industry wide norms and VA specific norms. From client complaints to reporter praise, we will hit on it all from the office perspective with Q & A at the end.</p>
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch/Town Hall/ Annual Business Meeting/Elections (.10)
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	Break to enjoy the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden!



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2:30 to 3:30 p.m.	<p>Putting Yourself First: How to Really Be the Most Important Person in the Room Joshua Edwards, RDR, CRR, CRC Carol Naughton, RDR (.10/.10/1.0)</p> <p>This will be an interactive workshop about how to respond to situations that arise in courtrooms and depositions. The audience will participate through role-playing, observing others, and sharing feedback. This will be a dynamic, first-of-its-kind session. Participants will come away feeling more empowered and confident in their roles as court reporters.</p>
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	<p>Technology Saba McKinley Roberts, RPR, CRI (.10/.10/1.0)</p> <p>Today's new technology is yesterday's news. Staying at the top of your game is vital to your success in the court reporting and captioning arenas. We will explore the impact technology has had on our profession and the importance of staying current with new technology to ensure that you support the services you provide your clients. The presentation includes an overview of some of the latest in hardware and software products.</p>
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.	Break/Taylor Award/Raffles
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	<p>Panel Presentation: AI Technology and Notary Laws VCRA Board of Directors (.10/.10/1.0)</p> <p>Due to the fact that the only requirement for court reporters in Virginia is to have a valid notary license, it is important that court reporters practicing in Virginia know all of the notary laws. We'll discuss the two types of notary commissions issued in Virginia, the notary rules, and how to avoid the possibility of transcripts being rendered unusable due to improper adherence to the Virginia notary laws.</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence is making an impact on the field of court reporting & captioning. We'll be demonstrating some AI programs being used and discuss the impact on our profession. We'll also learn the pitfalls of AI and how court reporters can use AI to their advantage.</p>
	Total CEU : VCRA .75/ NCRA .65/ NVRA 6.5



Speakers



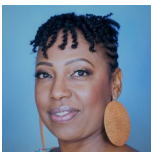
JOSHUA EDWARDS, RDR, CRR, CRC

Joshua Edwards is co-owner of StenoCaptions LLC, charter member of StenoMasters, and past president of the New York State Court Reporters Association. As a full-time CART captioner, he works in accessibility providing high-quality stenographic captioning for all types of events such as college classes, public and private events, board meetings, Broadway plays, and lectures, as well as captioning the American Theatre Wing's Tony Awards four years in a row. In 2021 Joshua chartered StenoMasters (stenomasters.com), the first online Toastmasters public speaking club for stenographic court reporters, captioners, and students everywhere.



PAUL MELLOR

Paul Mellor, author of *Finding the Keys*, was a finalist in the USA Memory Championship, where he recalled the names of over 90 people in less than 15 minutes, remembered in exact order over 100 single-digit numbers after a five-minute study, and recalled the exact order of a shuffled deck of playing cards after less than a three-and-a-half minute review. His fun and energetic programs have been delivered to audiences in each of the 50 states, including programs at NCRA's annual convention and to several court reporting associations. A Communications graduate of Western Carolina University, Mr. Mellor is also the author of *STOP Studying So Much; improve grades with less study*, *Memory Skills for Lawyers*, *You're Almost There*; chronicling his journey as having run a marathon (26.2 miles) in all 50 states. He resides in Richmond.



SABA MCKINLEY ROBERTS, RPR, CRI

Saba McKinley Roberts is a freelance court reporter and holds a degree in court reporting from Downey Adult School, Downey Calif., in 1990. She holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Court Reporting Instructor (CRI). She is also licensed and certified in the states of California and Tennessee.

Her professional experience includes providing stenographic reporting and transcription services for all court-related hearings in Los Angeles County, and on staff providing CART captioning services to students at Long Beach City and El Camino colleges and the University of California, Los Angeles. She launched her own agency, Divine-Scripts, LLC in 2014. Since moving to Tennessee, she has rebranded her agency with the name McRob Realtime Reporting, Inc.

At the national level, McKinley Roberts has presented on CART captioning and her Realtime Mastery program. She also served on NCRA's Captioning Committee from 2011 through 2020.

At the state level, McKinley Roberts is a past chair of the California Court Reporters Association's (CCRA) Mentoring Committee, and she served on the organization's board of directors from 2013-2015. She has also served on CCRA's Captioning Committee and holds membership in the Deposition Reporters Association.

McKinley Roberts has also authored numerous books on CART and realtime skill building.

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CAROL NAUGHTON, RDR, RSR, CCR

Carol is an Official Court Reporter for the United States District Court in Norfolk, Virginia. Prior to her current position, Carol worked as a freelance court reporter for 27 years in the markets of Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois; Appleton, Wisconsin; and lastly, Norfolk, Virginia. Carol is a graduate of Bryan College of Court Reporting in Los Angeles, California.

Carol is the current chairperson of NCSA (National Congress of State Associations) and has served on various NCRA committees over the last nine years.

Carol is a past president of the Virginia Court Reporters Association and continues to serve on the legislative committee of VCRA.

MATT RIDGE, CLVS

Matt began in the court reporting industry in 1998 in Pacifica, California, punching holes in transcripts and archiving master deposition videotapes for a busy reporting agency at the onset of video depositions.

In 1999 he became a CLVS and the office manager. The office then moved into downtown San Francisco where he became the office manager and finally the director of operations.

In 2014, with his wife and two young kids in tow, he moved to Richmond where he joined Halasz Reporting & Video as their production manager. Matt created a production department and office setting to handle the typical calls to book, reschedule, and cancel depositions. He brought on a receptionist and production coordinator to handle all aspects of transcript production and billing. He has a hand in all aspects of the daily norms of a reporting office and is there each day from 9-5. He has videotaped 100s of depositions over his 25 year career and has had a hand in, in some form or fashion, thousands of depositions.

From the airlines losing his equipment while en route to a video deposition in Bermuda, to waiting for MC Hammer to not show up for his deposition in San Francisco, Matt always has the reporter's best interest in mind. He is a reporter's videographer and a reporter's office manager. He was trained by a reporter and has always had their backs when on the job, training new videographers, on the phones with clients, or managing the office.

Matt is a member of NCRA, VCRA, and the Richmond Paralegal Association.