

Meet Our Speakers

ACRA's 2019 "Writing With the Waves" Conference

Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC



**An ACRA Conference favorite, returning for
THREE powerful sessions ...**

Dave's story is one that is the true American dream. Dave was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire to a very modest family. He was the first person in his family to go to college and his father worked three jobs to get him there. Growing up in New Hampshire, Dave was constantly exposed to politics. His love for his country and politics took him to work for a U.S. Senator, where he was forever hooked. Dave often jokes that the Schoolhouse Rock video "I'm Just a Bill" was his inspiration to become an advocate and to lobby for change.

Dave also believes in giving back to fellow Americans in need. He is the founder of the Capitol PurSUIT Drive event that holds an annual business clothing drive on Capitol Hill for those Americans trying to re-enter the workforce. 2003 through 2010, he was able to collect and distribute over 51,000 suits (valued at over \$2.1 million) to fellow Americans, which were donated by Members of Congress, the White House, and the lobbying and association communities.

For Dave's volunteer service with the Capitol PurSUIT Drive, the President of the United States awarded him the "Call to Service" award, which is the country's highest award for citizen volunteerism. Dave was the first lobbyist to ever receive this prestigious award. Additionally, Dave was selected with three other lobbyists and named as one of the most effective association lobbyists in Washington by Association Trends.

Dave recently served as the President of the American League of Lobbyists, which is the association for government relations professionals. During his term, he debated and won a high-profile fight with the President of the United States on a Constitutional issue regarding the right to petition the government. Dave was relentless in this fight because of his belief in the First Amendment. His philosophy and belief are that America is such a great country, that even a humble son from Portsmouth, NH can grow up and challenge the President of the United States! Anyone can make a difference.

Let Me Hear Your Body Talk – (Thursday - .15 CEUs)

Legislative Efforts/Success & Grassroots Lobbying, along with ACRA Board Members – (Thursday - .10 CEUs)

Right Brain/Left Brain Marketing – (Friday - .15 CEUs)

Marybeth Everhart, MA,
RPR, CRI, CLR, CPE



**Honing Your Skills
with Realtime Coach
(Thursday - .15 CEUS)**

**A seasoned speaker at many conferences, to include NCRA's,
will help you with your skills with Realtime Coach ...**

Marybeth began reporting in 1980 and writing realtime since 1992. She has been a freelance reporter in the Baltimore-Washington area; an official reporter in Brisbane, Australia; provided CART services to such organizations as Self Help for Hard of Hearing and the Neurofibromatosis Foundation; captioned for Gallaudet University; managed a large, multi-office freelance firm; taught court reporting at all levels; and trained on numerous CAT systems over the years. Marybeth is now the National Marketing Manager for Realtime Coach and works closely with reporting schools, firms, and court systems to improve skills for students and working reporters. She has served as a member of numerous NCRA committees and has been a contributing editor to the Journal of Court Reporting for over 25 years. She has a Master's Certificate in eLearning and a Master's Degree in Educational Technology.

**Accompany this year's NCRA representative as
she guides us through two awesome sessions.**

Cindy is from the great state of Texas! She went to the Stenograph Institute of Texas from 1985-1988, which is when she passed the Texas exam. Cindy has lived and worked in Tennessee, Kansas, Louisiana, and all over Europe (Germany, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland). She is now an official for Johnson County, Kansas. She is in her 30th year of reporting and has been both freelance and official, depending on her location and life situation. Cindy has served her state association for five years. She has served as a regional representative and Vice Chair of NCRA's NCSA, and was voted in August to serve a three-year term as an NCRA Director. She is married to Mike, has a blended family with five children, and two BEAUTIFUL granddaughters.

NCRA Director Cindy L. Isaacsen, RPR



Oh, The Places You Can Go in the Captioning & Reporting Profession – (Thursday - .10 CEUS)
Being Proactive vs. Reactive – (Friday - .10 CEUS)

Get all your licensure questions answered. The Alabama Board of Court Reporting will be presenting this year ...

Paula McCaleb, ABCR Executive Director

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SOON!**

As President of Leadership Alliance, **Paula** represents three licensing programs for the State of Alabama. She has been featured in RSVP Magazine's "The List" for her professional accomplishments. As Executive Director, Paula's responsibilities include managing the court reporting licensure program to ensure the Board's mission and goals are adhered to for the optimal relief of consumers of court reporter services in Alabama as provided in the Board's enabling statute.

Paula graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Troy University Montgomery. Her background includes twenty years' experience as a professional regulator; five years prior experience in state-wide trade associations; and founder of Leadership Alliance, a professional management firm, in 2004.

Judge Ford is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his undergraduate degree in 1970 from Lincoln University, Lincoln, Pennsylvania. In 1974, after graduating from Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., he came to Alabama and joined the staff of Attorney General Bill Baxley. After a year of service with this office, Judge Ford practiced law with the law firm of Gray, Seay and Langford (now Gray, Langford, Sapp, McGowan, Gray and Nathanson) in Tuskegee, Alabama until September 2, 1977, when Governor George Wallace appointed him to serve as the District Judge for Macon County. Judge Ford is a charter member and past chair of the Alabama Supreme Court's Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution, and he is the only Alabama trial judge to ever serve on the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia.

ABCR Chairman Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr.



ABCR Board Member Parian Holderfield, RPR, RMR, CRR



Parian is a 1981 graduate of Lippert Court Reporting College in Plainview, Texas. She began her career on March 9, 1981, as an Official Court Reporter for the State of Alabama in the 7th Judicial Circuit where she worked for Circuit Judge Samuel Monk, II and Circuit Judge R. Joel Laird, Jr. Parian is currently the Official Court Reporter for Circuit Judge Karen Hall in Madison County, where she has been since 2005. Parian was president of the Alabama Court Reporters Association in 1994-1995, and was also editor for the ACRA newsletter "For the Record" for 10 years. In 1999, Parian was the recipient of the Alabama Court Reporters Association Distinguished Service Award.

ABCR Board Member, Shannon R. Ball, RPR, RMR

Shannon currently serves on the ABCR Board in an official capacity appointed by the Governor. She is serving her second consecutive term on ABCR. Shannon was also appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate in 2007 and served one term on the ABCR Board.

Shannon is a graduate of Prince Institute. She has worked 21 years as an official in Alabama and currently works for the Honorable Ruth Ann Hall in Madison County, Alabama. Before becoming an official, she worked for seven years as a freelance reporter.

Shannon also holds the RPR and RMR certification from NCRA. She is a past president of ACRA and received ACRA's Distinguished Service Award in 2010.



Software Training with The Best (Saturday – Concurrent Sessions - .5 CEUs total for full day attendance)

Stephanie Faulkner, LCR, CRI, CPE, Freelance Court Reporter, CART Captioner, Reporting Instructor, Stenograph Certified Independent Training Agent



Stephanie Faulkner is certified by the state of Tennessee as a Licensed Court Reporter and is also licensed to work in the state of Kentucky. She earned her court reporting certificate from Middle Tennessee State University in 1998. Since that time she has worked as a freelance reporter, CART provider, and instructor across the country. Ms. Faulkner is certified as a Court Reporting Instructor and Certified Program Evaluator by NCRA. She is also a Case CATalyst Certified Training Agent for Stenograph and has taught many software workshops and webinars across the Southeast. She has served on the board of the Tennessee Court Reporters Association as Middle District Director, President, and President-Elect from 2001-2005, and is currently President-Elect. Stephanie has worked in NCRA's Student Community of Interest and attended several legislative bootcamps.

**Greta Duckett, RPR, CRR, AL-CCR, GA-CCR, TN-LCR,
Realtime Systems Administrator, Certified DigitalCAT Trainer**

Greta is a freelance court reporter, licensed in three states, specializing in realtime and daily copy. She has been reporting since 1995 and has worked as both an official and freelance reporter. She is a representative of Stenovations and a Certified Digitalcat Software Trainer. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, her dogs, and has a hobby business making hot sauce and pepper jelly.



**Alan Peacock, FAPR, CCR, RDR, CRC, Certified LiveNote Reporter,
NCRA Realtime Systems Administrator,
and Advantage Software Certified Eclipse Trainer**



Alan has been in court reporting since 1987. He has presented many NCRA CEU approved sessions/seminars at NCRA Conventions as well as state associations on topics such as CART, captioning and judicial reporting, technology, just to name a few. He has been active in the Alabama Court Reporters Association for many years, including past president. Alan has also received many awards for his outstanding contributions and service to the profession of court reporting.

Bob Bakva, President, ProCAT

Bob Bakva is the President and founder of ProCAT. Mr. Bakva has developed leading products for the court reporting community for 36 years. He has extensive knowledge of the software and all of its features. Bob has taught many times over the years at national and local seminars, and has been invited by NCRA to speak many times over the last 36 years at the National Seminar.

