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## Court Reporting: Let Your Fingers Do the Working

*Growing Profession Has Expanded Beyond Courtrooms to Technology World of Realtime*

If you are creative, self-motivated and good with language, then the high-tech field of court reporting might be for you. With advances in technology, today's court reporters are information managers who work in the legal community and can also provide instant communication access for people with hearing loss.

The demand for court reporters continues to soar as legal cases crowd the courts. Those trained with stenography skills are not only highly valued by attorneys and the court system, but also essential to broadcasting companies who are required by law to have television programming closed-captioned for

the 28 million Americans who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Schools and businesses also rely on trained court reporters for "realtime" capturing and transcripts of lectures, speeches and meetings.

Orleans Technical Institute provides an Associate in Specialized Business (ASB) degree program in Court Reporting, and it is the only school in the tri-state region that is approved according to the high standards of the National Court Reporters Association. Orleans has 100 percent job placement of those available for placement.

The school has a brand new campus in Northeast Philadelphia, just minutes from

Montgomery and Bucks Counties and South Jersey. Graduates are prepared to record trial proceedings, depositions, conventions, board meetings, live television broadcasts, college classes—any occasion where speech must be captured as it is spoken. The field offers great benefits, such as flexible schedules, independence, exciting work environments, job security and career longevity.

Discover why a career in court reporting is vital, exciting, and rewarding, with a variety of opportunities at your fingertips. Call Orleans Technical Institute at 215-728-4700 or visit [www.orleanstech.edu](http://www.orleanstech.edu). September classes are enrolling now.

# Careers in Court Reporting

*With Advances in Computer Technology, Today's Court Reporters are In-Demand, Working in a Variety of Professional Settings*



## Alumni Success Stories

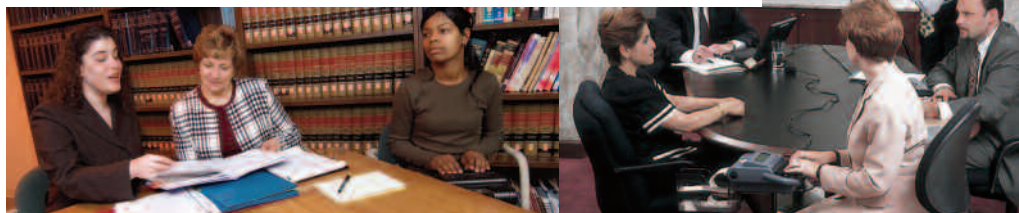


### WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE SAYING

"As an employer of many graduates from Orleans Technical Institute's Court Reporting program, I would highly recommend the program to any sincere candidates. The staff at Orleans is dedicated and professional, while the program is approved by the National Court Reporters Association and offers the highest quality preparation for this lucrative career. Graduates are placed immediately with either freelance firms or the court system. I have seen many programs, but Orleans is the best!"

**Dianne M. Varallo-Kushmir, CMRS**  
Vice President of Operations, Varallo, Inc.

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### Courtrooms

Court reporters are in the middle of the action! They play an essential role and are highly valued by the legal community as "guardians of the record"—transcribing depositions or court proceedings. Court reporters are employed by the government as official court reporters or work as independent contractors with a court reporting firm.

### Broadcast Captioning

The unique skills that court reporters learn can be applied to the exciting world of television. Court reporters provide closed captioning of news, entertainment, sports, live broadcasts, and other programming for those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

### CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation)

Court reporters' ability to capture spoken words instantly enables them to provide personalized services to the deaf or hard-of-hearing. CART reporters accompany clients as needed—for example, to college classes—to provide an instant conversion of speech into text using the stenotype machine linked to a laptop computer.

### Other Career Opportunities

Court reporters can also work for businesses or anywhere immediate access to communication is needed, such as webcasting, conventions, sales meetings, press conferences, stockholder/board meetings, and seminars, and instantly transmit them to all parties involved. Opportunities in this profession are endless—court reporters can travel or work remotely from home.

To learn more about careers in Court Reporting, visit [www.bestfuture.com](http://www.bestfuture.com)

Terry was a single welfare mom with two young children when she decided to pursue a career that offered great promise and independence. She enrolled in the Court Reporting program at Orleans Technical Institute, hoping to apply her reporting skills to the growing need for assistive technologies for the hard-of-hearing community.

Terry excelled in the program and gained additional skills as an intern, where she assisted college students with hearing disabilities

by transcribing lectures via a steno machine and laptop. This experience inspired a dream to start her own voice-to-print realtime service.

Terry eventually started a unique business called VoicePrint—the first of its kind in the Philadelphia area—and provides "in-person" and remote technology to students with hearing loss so they can participate more fully in the classroom. Now Terry gives back to her alma mater as a teacher and member of the Orleans Tech Employer Advisory Committee.

**"I made a career change to Court Reporting, and it's given me the life I've always wanted."**

Debbie  
Orleans Technical Institute, Class of 2007

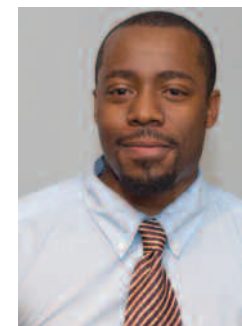
Hometown: Horsham, PA  
Job Title: Freelance Court Reporter



**"Working as a Court Reporter can be lucrative, and there's the added benefit of a flexible schedule."**

Clarence  
Orleans Technical Institute, Class of 2007

Hometown: West Philadelphia, PA  
Job Title: Official Court Reporter



**"I didn't need a 4-year degree to become a professional Court Reporter. Plus I got immediate job offers."**

Jennifer  
Orleans Technical Institute, Class of 2008

Hometown: Collingswood, NJ  
Job Title: Freelance Court Reporter



**"Court Reporting isn't like an office job. I can be at a different location every day, or work from home."**

Dana  
Orleans Technical Institute, Class of 2007

Hometown: South Philadelphia, PA  
Job Title: Freelance Court Reporter



### IN THEIR WORDS

Erin  
CLASS OF 2005

# By The Numbers

The U.S. Department of Labor asserts that job prospects for court reporters are excellent, as job openings continue to outnumber jobseekers. Opportunities in captioning and realtime reporting are expected to grow by 25 percent over the next decade.

There are an estimated 50,000 court reporters in the United States. About 27 percent actually work in court. The majority are freelance reporters hired by attorneys to create verbatim transcripts of pretrial depositions of potential trial witnesses.

# What We Offer

- Day and evening classes start in September
- Internship and job search assistance
- Financial aid is available for those who qualify
- Student-oriented staff offering tutoring and career preparation

Founded in 1974, **Orleans Technical Institute** is a non-profit career school operated by JEVS Human Services, accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACC SCT), and licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education—State Board of Private Licensed Schools.

**Here's a sampling of our Court Reporting training curriculum, which is developed in cooperation with our Employer Advisory Committee.**

## Steno

- Legal Terminology & Court Procedures
- English for Court Reporters
- Medical Terminology
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Court Reporting Procedures
- Computer-Aided Transcription
- Transcript Editing
- Linguistics for Court Reporters
- CART/Captioning Procedures

# COURT REPORTING FUN FACTS

The court reporters in the 1995 O.J. Simpson criminal trial took down more than 1 million lines of trial transcript.

Court reporters have taken depositions or court proceedings of multitudes of the rich and famous: Elvis Presley, Bill Cosby, Joan Collins, Jimmy Hoffa, Frank Sinatra, Isley Brothers, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Alex Haley, Muhammad Ali, Michael Bolton, John Lennon and Yoko Ono, and Michael Jackson.

Ruth Handler, a former stenographer for Paramount Pictures, founded the Mattel Company and introduced the world to the Barbie doll.

Actresses Michelle Pfeiffer and Kim Delaney once studied to be court reporters.

Charles Dickens' early court reporting days in London's Parliament became a subplot in his novel "David Copperfield."

Laura

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