



**Maryland Court Reporters Association
Annual Conference
September 17-18, 2021**

**Clarion Resort Oceanfront
Ocean City, Maryland**

"Breaking Out of Your Shell"

Friday – September 17

Eclipse Training with Michael Starkman



**8 am - 4 pm - (.6 CEU)
(Breakfast and lunch provided)**

Michael is a former freelance reporter from Pennsylvania. In 1997 he joined Eclipse as a sales representative and has moved up to Director of Sales for the Mid-Atlantic Region. Michael is an Assistant National Marketing Manager for Realtime Coach. He is a certified advanced Eclipse trainer with 24 years of experience presenting and teaching Eclipse. In his presentation, he will touch on a wide variety of Eclipse editing features and tools.

Case CATalyst Training with Grace Molson



8 am - 4 pm – (.6 CEUs)
(Breakfast and lunch provided)

Grace formed CAT Smart Training Solutions, LLC in March 2018 to fulfill the need in the court reporting industry for qualified software training. She currently works as a Stenograph Certified Independent Training Agent training court reporters on Case CATalyst software. Grace will present on Case CATalyst realtime and editing tips, as well as other tools within the software to enhance productivity.

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Appetizers & Cocktails
(.1 CEU)

**Self-Talk: How to take Control of Your Inner Critic and
Turn off the Assumptions in Your Head**

7:30pm – 8:30pm – (.1 CEU)



TALLsmall Productions– Everyone deserves their voice heard. Keith Scott and Rebecca Klein Scott lead communications workshops for court reporters around the country and in London and deeply admires everyone's drive and loyalty to protecting the record.

It's a night for good to triumph over evil. It's time to defeat your inner critic. Rebecca Klein Scott and Keith Scott, of TALLsmall Productions, will reveal how to claim victory.

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Saturday – September 18
7 am – Breakfast

"Honing Your Skills with Realtime Coach" – MaryBeth Everhart
8 am – 9 am (.1 CEU)



There are many benefits to continuing to improve your skills – less editing time, increased income potential, more free time, just to name a few. But who has time to devote to the process of honing your skills, especially with a family, working full time, and all the obligations that life holds? In this seminar, Marybeth will show you how you can improve your accuracy, increase your speed, and prepare for new certifications in as little as 15 minutes a day.

Transferring Your Reporting Skills to Novel Writing
Andrea Johnson- Author of the Victoria Justice Mysteries
9 am – 10:30 am (.15 CEU)



Have you ever considered writing a novel? As a legal professional, you have the expertise and talent to take your writing to a new level...and you don't need to be a well-decorated academic or an artistic savant to make it happen! Enroll in this course for tips on how to apply your English and grammar skills to the world of fiction writing. By the end of this course, students will have the basic tools for outlining and promoting a novel.

BREAK

10:30 am - 10:45 am

**“Protecting the Record Effectively in a Zoomed Out World”
Keith Scott and Rebecca Klein Scott – TALLsmall Productions**

10:45 am – 12:15 pm - (.15 CEUs)



Feeling Zoomed out? Do you feel funny about being on camera? Do you want to up your game and get attorneys and witnesses to better follow your instructions and listen when you need to interrupt proceedings? Known for their workshops on the court reporter circuit around the country, Keith Scott and Rebecca Klein Scott of TALLSmall Productions will reveal hacks for: Look and feel your best on cam. Small camera angle and lighting tweaks make a dramatic difference when it comes to how everyone will perceive you. Set a tone that your voice matters before the proceeding begins. Speak up and command attention when you need a witness to repeat a statement or any other situation that requires protecting the record. We'll reveal what words to use and avoid. Read the body language in the virtual room and tweak your own to show your confidence. Maintain a sense of calm when technology misbehaves.

LUNCH

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

SWEARING IN OF NEW MCRA BOARD MEMBERS

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm

BRUCE BEREANO
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (.1 CEU)



Bruce Bereano has 50 years of experience, expertise, and relationships in practicing lobbying, legislative process, budget and appropriations process, statutory bill and amendment drafting, political consulting and campaigns, and government relations at the State, county, and municipal government level in Maryland. Hired by MCRA as an advocate for official reporters, Bruce will speak about the legislative process and how to lobby for our profession. He will also discuss making an accurate record in conjunction with the Bench and the Bar and how important state mandatory certification is for Maryland.

STRONG Presentation
Kristin Anderson, RPR
NCRA Secretary-Treasurer
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm (.15 CEU)



The NCRA STRONG Committee provides strategies to promote stenographic captioning and reporting as the best means of securing the record and outlines tactics to combat false proclamations that digital and automatic speech recognition (ASR) are equal to or superior to stenographic means.

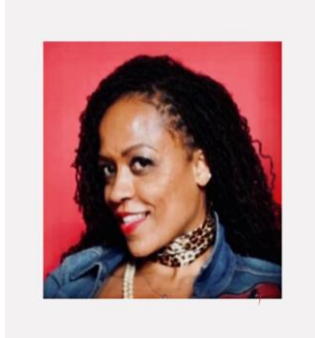
BREAK

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

“So, You Want to Be A Captionnaire”

Sherry Knox, CCP, CBC and Darian Elliott, RPR, CRC

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm - (.1 CEU)

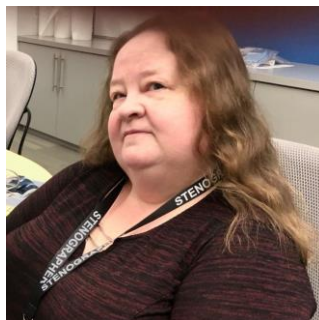


Prospective captioners will learn how to get their dictionaries, equipment, software, attitudes, and minds ready to take the journey leading to excellence in broadcast captioning and CART. Sherry and Darian will share what's shaped their journey, the good and the bad, and guide our new crew of captioners to the path of excellence

“What You Need To Know Before You Go”

Cassandra E. Ellis, CSR-VA, CSR-HI, CCR-WA, RPR

4:45 pm – 5:45 pm - (.1 CEU)



Through the years Cassandra has been reporting and providing CART services and lots of traveling to different states. One of her biggest dreams is to work in every state. She has done a lot of investigation along the way to making her dream come true, and she'll share what she's learned about state certifications, how to obtain some of those certifications, and what you need to know if you're traveling around the world as a reporter and providing CART services.