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# OCCUPATIONAL ALERT

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Occupation:	COURT REPORTERS

Update:

Court Reporters are responsible for 2 primary duties: Capturing the words spoken by everyone during a proceeding and for preparing a transcript of the proceeding. According to industry professionals a majority of Court Reporters are now using electronic stenographic writers and Computer Aided Transcription (CAT) software. The CAT application captures the audio record where it is stored on a computer disc, CD-ROM, or secure a digital card.

Even more advanced systems such as Real -Time Court Reporting or communication access real-time translation (CART) and Voice Writing are becoming more mainstream. Real -Time Court Reporting translates the stenographic symbols into written English and simultaneously displays it on the computer screen in the same type of procedure that is used for the hearing impaired. Voice Writing is the method that allows the Court Reporter to eliminate the shorthand process altogether by dictating directly into a 'stenomask' which has a voice silencer. The Court Reporter repeats every spoken word during the proceeding and identifies each speaker. Due to its clarity, digital recording is the favored technology for Voice Writing. This can be combined with the CAT system, to allow for the spoken word to be turned into text and a written transcript made available immediately following a proceeding. Voice Writing is a wonderful method for Court Reporters who have been diagnosed with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.

The industry continues to shift towards technologies that provide for audio permanency for record archiving combined with the ability to generate 'real-time' written transcripts. Technology shifts are allowing this to occur while opening up the field for greater ranges of functional abilities.

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Follow-up with Court Reporters, Scopists and Proofreaders  
[www.ncraonline.org](http://www.ncraonline.org) (National Court Reporters Association)  
[www.VERBATIMCareersInstitute.com](http://www.VERBATIMCareersInstitute.com)  
[www.thecourtreportingschool.com](http://www.thecourtreportingschool.com) (The Court Reporting School)

