

**DRA ANNUAL CONVENTION / Ventura, CA**  
**April 24-26, 2026**  
**Convention Schedule**  
*(1.45 CEUs pending approval)*

**Friday-April 24:**

**9:00am to 5:00pm** / Registration Open

**10:30am – 11:30am**

(0.10 CEUs)

**Same Skill, Different Impact: When Realtime Becomes Access**

**Speaker: Regina DeMerville, CSR, CRC, CCG**

*If you've ever thought, "Captioning isn't for me", this session is for you. Gain a clearer understanding of captioning's purpose, value and relationship to the reporting skills already used in the deposition world.*

**11:30am to 1:00pm** / **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**1:00pm – 2:30pm**

(0.15 CEUs)

**Let's Learn Digitization!**

**Speaker: Mike Hensley, CSR, RDR**

*Learn how to take charge of the onslaught of information you receive daily in your personal and professional life to create balance and peace.*

**2:30pm - 5:00pm**

(0.25 CEUs)

**CAT Training / CaseCAT, ProCAT, and Eclipse**

*Bring your equipment and sharpen your tools with hands-on CAT training.*

*Trainers include: Jean Kim, Ron Cook, Cindy Vega and more.*

**6:00pm to 9:00pm** / **Friday Night Cocktail Party**

*Neon night with food, fun, and DJ Javier!*

## **Saturday-April 25:**

**8:00am** / Registration Open

**8:00am - 9:00am** / Continental Breakfast

**8:00am - 6:30pm** / Vendor Hall Open

**9:00am - 11:00am** / **Keynote Seminar**

(0.20 CEUs)

### **Winning the Big Ones! Reinvention and Dedication**

**Speaker: Matt Murphy**

*Matt is a legal analyst for ABC News and an attorney in private practice in Southern California. In this seminar, Matt will share how he leveraged his skills and experience, and demonstrate how anyone can transform their career and expertise into something extraordinary.*

**11:00 to 11:30am** / Morning Break, Vendor Hall open

**11:30am to 1:30pm** / **Saturday Luncheon / President's Remarks and Awards**

*Meet the 2026-2027 Board of Directors, Distinguished Service Award presentation, Student Scholarship Award presentation, and more.*

**1:30pm - 3:00pm** / **Concurrent Sessions**

(0.15 CEUs)

### **Glow Up Your Realtime**

**Speakers: Jennifer Porto, CSR and Cheryl Haab Scott, CSR, RDR, CRR, CCRR**

*Experienced realtime reporters, Jennifer and Cheryl, will share tips and tricks for new and veteran reporters on your ever-improving realtime journey. Add to your bottom line by delivering flawless realtime to your clients!*

### **Mastering Professional Etiquette: Essential Skills for Students and New Licensees**

**Speaker: Desiree Cooks, CSR**

*This seminar is designed for court reporting students and newly licensed professionals seeking to establish a strong and sustainable foundation in the field.*

**3:00pm to 3:30pm** / Afternoon Break, Vendor Hall open

**3:30pm - 5:30pm**

(0.20 CEUs)

### **The State of the Law in 2026**

**Speakers: Ed Howard, Mary Pierce, Yvonne Fenner**

**Moderator: Cindy Vega**

*Join us for our annual legislative seminar with DRA's lobbyist, DRA's legislative chair, and Executive Officer of the Court Reporters Board of California, moderated by DRA's current President.*

**5:30pm to 6:30pm** / **Exhibitor-Vendor Reception**

*Meet us in the Exhibitor room for a toast to the Vendors! Browse through the many products and services the Vendors are showcasing for you, from steno products to self-care to must-have items.*

## **Sunday- April 26:**

**8:00am** / Registration open

**8:00am – 9:00am** / Continental Breakfast

**8:00am - 2:00pm** / Vendor Hall open

### **8:30am - 10:00am / Concurrent Sessions**

(0.15 CEUs)

#### **Code Glow-up: A High-Voltage Kahoot! Challenge**

**Speaker:** Jean Kim, CSR

*A 90-minute game-show-style session where your competitive spirit meets professional development!*

#### **Mock California CSR Exam Workshop (Students only)**

**Speaker:** Yolanda Krieger, CSR, CVR

*Feeling anxious about the California CSR exam? This workshop will help you feel more prepared and confident!*

**10:00am to 10:30am / Morning Break, Vendor Hall open**

### **10:30am – 11:30am / Concurrent Sessions**

(0.10 CEUs)

#### **What Every Reporter Should Know About Investing and Building Wealth**

**Speaker:** Anika Wilson, Financial Advisor

*Designed specifically for court reporters, highlighting the value and power of investing, and outlining key building blocks of an effective financial plan.*

#### **NCRF Career Launcher**

**Speaker:** Debra A. Dibble, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC

*This is an exciting new program that serves as a crash course for court reporting students and new professionals.*

### **11:45am – 1:15pm / Concurrent Sessions**

(0.15 CEUs)

#### **Rise to the Top: What Sets Court Reporters Apart from a Firm Owner's Perspective**

**Speakers:** Jonnell Agnew (Jonnell Agnew & Asso.), Todd Combs (Combs Reporting Inc.), Megan Winters (Barrett Reporting Inc.), Whitney Kumar (KW Court Reporting)

*A panel of court reporting firms explore and share how we can collaborate more effectively to deliver the gold standard to our clients.*

#### **The Transition to Working Professional: An Abbreviated DRA GAP Seminar**

**Speaker:** Molly Cooper, CSR, RPR, CVR-S

*Join Molly for a preview of all that DRA's one-day remote GAP Training session has to offer. Come and learn what you didn't know you didn't know!*

**1:15pm / LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

### **2:00pm – 3:30pm / California Certificate in Realtime Reporting (CCRR) Exam**

**Separate Registration Required**

