



## 2019 NVCRA Annual Convention

April 13 – 14, 2019

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### SCHEDULE of Seminars

*Schedule subject to change without notice.*

1.55 CEUs pending approval (.20 Nevada CEUs)

### **Saturday, April 13, 2019 (.85 CEUs)**

7:30am – 8:30am     **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30am – 10:00am     **The Importance of Transcripts\***     **.15 CEUs**  
Justice Lidia S. Stiglich, Associate Justice  
of the Supreme Court of Nevada

Court transcripts are a vital component of the record on appeal; as a result, these transcripts are important to the work of the Supreme Court as these documents provide the Court of a better understanding of what occurred in the district court. On review, some appeals are based on a deferential standard of review (“abuse of discretion”) but others require this Court to disregard what the district court concluded and make independent conclusions based upon the facts of the case and the state of the law (“de novo”). Under either framework, transcripts are a crucial piece in the record on appeal because they illuminate the case history in ways that court briefs and court orders cannot.

As to fast track appeals, the Supreme Court relies upon transcripts provided on an expedited basis. If the transcript is vital to this Court’s consideration of an appeal, then it cannot render a decision in a sensitive case until provided the transcript.”

10:00am – 11:30am **Response to 10/01 Shooting Event** .15 CEUs  
Caleb S. Cage, Chief of the Division of Emergency  
Management and Homeland Security Advisor

On the night of October 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire on a crowd of concertgoers at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival on the Las Vegas Strip. The incident is the deadliest mass shooting committed by an individual in the United States. Hear an overview of the response, the recovery efforts, and the ongoing effort to implement a strategy for resilience in Nevada. Learn how you can help preserve the oral histories of the survivors and witnesses.

11:30 – 12:00 pm **Networking and Vendor Break**

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Luncheon/Business Meeting**

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Be Your Client's Superhero with Expedite** .10 CEUs  
Eve Barrett, RPR

Position for the Next Market Shift: Learn how the revolutionary Expedite app will mobilize legal support services, empower providers and help us reclaim our profession. Take a tour through the fun features of Expedite that will ultimately streamline resources and eliminate inefficiencies. Increase your profitability and productivity, while decreasing commute and wait times. View the latest major upgrade, ExpeditePro, and learn how this first-to-market on-demand mobile app IS the future business model of the legal industry.

2:00pm – 3:30pm **Trafficking, Awareness and Action in Nevada** .15 CEUs  
Lesli Brisson, President of Soroptimist International  
of Washoe County Northern Nevada Anti-Trafficking  
Coordinator for SNR Regional Vice President

This presentation will include a panel of community and state leaders that are making a difference and taking action by bridging communities and building collaborative efforts in putting an end to human trafficking. Hear a trafficking victim share firsthand and learn what you can do to help.

3:30pm – 4:00pm **Networking Break with Vendors**

4:00pm – 5:30pm **I Love My Job** .15 CEUs  
Lesia Mervin, CSR, RMR, CRR, FAPR

I LOVE MY JOB! Do you? Are you stuck in the humdrum of the daily grind and forgot what it was like to love what you do? Is it time to kick it up? My job has taken me all over the world, but how did that happen? Would you ever get “the call” for that dream job? Find out how I did it and how you can, too.

5:30pm – 7:00pm     **Personal Safety and Active Shooter**     **.15 CEUs**  
Chief Clark A. Pennington, Matthews, NC

Chief Pennington will instruct reporters on the basics of situational awareness and best practices for dealing with active shooter situations.

7:00pm                     **Dinner On Your Own.**

### **Sunday, April 14, 2019 (.7 CEUs)**

7:30am – 8:30am     **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30am – 10:00am     **Realtime & Editing 101 – Why you need to  
learn to fingerspell**     **.15 CEUs**  
Lesia Mervin, CSR, RMR, CRR, FAPR

Fingerspell? Why do we need that? This seminar will give you useful realtime writing tips whether you are transitioning to CART, writing realtime to yourself, or hooking up 20 attorneys on a realtime job. Give yourself a raise! Spend less time producing a transcript by learning to write smarter and edit less.

10:00am – 11:30am     **Technology and Court Reporting**     **.15 CEUs**  
Eve Barrett, RPR

Are we just trying to survive or do we want to thrive? Our profession is at a crossroads. Traditionally, the legal industry has been a laggard, not a leader, when it comes to capitalizing on technology to improve efficiency and increase the quality of service. The entire legal profession is based upon a foundation of hourly billing rates. Service delivered by anything other than a person has been viewed as a threat to the entire business model.

This session will inform court reporters that new technologies, combined with newly emerging distributed networks, allow court reporters come together – locally or virtually – to share best practices, principles, and teach each other new skills.

11:30am – 12:00pm     **Networking and Break with Vendors**

12:00pm – 1:00pm     **Buffet Luncheon**

1:00pm – 2:00 pm     **A to Z Program**     **.10 CEUs**  
Kim Farkas, NVCRA President-Elect

Learn about the A to Z Program that introduces prospective court reporting students to the profession of court reporting. Hear the firsthand experience of holding an A to Z program and learn how you can help or hold your own A to Z!

2:00pm – 3:30pm     **Critical Role of Court Reporters in Capital Cases\***     **.15 CEUs**  
Maizie Pusich, Washoe County Chief Deputy  
Public Defender

Maizie will address the importance of independence, objectivity and confidentiality in court reporting serious criminal cases, specifically as the requirements relate to conflicts of interest. The backdrop of the discussion will be NAC 656.330 and NRS 656.130, 656.250 and 656.380.

3:30pm – 4:00pm     **Networking and Break with Vendors**

4:00pm – 5:30pm     **Technology**     **.15 CEUs**  
Kristin Anderson, RPR, FCRR  
NCRA Director

Today's new technology is yesterday's news. Staying at the top of your game is vital to your success in the court reporting and captioning arenas. We will explore the impact technology has had on our profession and the importance of staying current with new technology to ensure that you support the services you provide your clients. The presentation includes an overview of some of the latest in hardware and software products.

All CEUs pending approval.

\*Nevada-specific CEUs