

MEMBER PROFILE



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What do you love about being a court reporter?

Reporting — and, of course, God — have given me the opportunity to work in three states and three wonderful cities. I've progressed from official reporter for 20 years and then as a

freelancer for 20 years to becoming an agency owner doing work worldwide and loving every minute.

What has been the highlight of your career?

Presenting my only daughter with her diploma from the Orleans Technical Institute as a court reporter.

What are you currently reading?

The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle.

What words do you live by?

You get more out of living by giving.

Bureau of Immigration Customs Enforcement BAOEUS/NAME

Central Intelligence Agency CIA KAE/NAME KAE

Crime Family/cocaine cocaine base crack cocaine KRAOEUF KAEN KROIB KROIK

Department of district judge drug courier DAOF DR-J D-K

English GLISH

FAA FBI Federal Aviation Administration FA/FA FIB FA/NAME

Federal Bureau of Investigation firearm FIB/NAME FAOEURM

Guidelines guilty plea GLAOEUNS GLIP

heroin HOIN

Immigration Customs Enforcement AOEUS/NAME

Mafia magistrate judge Magistrate Judge methamphetamine meth MAEF MU-J MU*-J MEGT/MEGT MEGT

plea agreement plea negotiation plea of guilty PLAEGT PLAEBGS PLOG

Russian RU*GS

Sentencing Guidelines Spanish S-GS SPISH

trial judge trial court trial jury TRAEOUJ TR-K TR-J

United States United States Code SNAEUTS SNOED

process in which live television captions are fed to subscribing networks. Once captioners dial into a phone line that plays a live feed, they send the transcription into a computer-aided transcription system. The text is then sent to a caption encoder via a modem, and the coded text is then sent out to the various subscribing networks. Several of the challenges discussed are live sporting events, which are usually fast-paced and often involve rapid-fire commentary. Local dialects can challenge the captioner as well, as they may not be familiar with certain terms. TV stations are now required by the FCC to provide closed captioning during emergencies or face penalties.

FAULTY COURT REPORTING MAY LEAD TO NEW TRIAL FOR CONVICTED KILLER

Raleigh-Durham, N.C., news media reported in February that an incomplete and incoherent transcript may result in a new trial for convicted killer Travis Walters. Walters was found guilty of killing Betty Jane Oxendine and was sentenced to death. He might get a new trial because the transcript is considered by some to be unintelligible enough to prevent the appeals court from reviewing the case. A second court reporter found the original reporter's notes to be missing testimony and key information. The court will

decide whether to conduct a new trial.

GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS CHALLENGED

Kentucky newspapers reported that Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office has been accused of altering transcripts in the special grand jury investigation of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administrative personnel. Thirteen people were indicted in the case. The Transportation Cabinet has accused Stumbo's office staff of producing the transcripts themselves instead of hiring a court reporter. The cabinet's attorney, Rob Roark, notes that there are numerous inconsistencies in the transcript, most visibly noted by handwritten notes that display conflicting messages as well as differences between the transcript and audio recording. Roark has requested the Personnel Board to disregard the written transcripts.

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