



Maryland Court Reporters Association  
2017 Annual Convention  
September 22 and 23, 2017  
Embassy Suites by Hilton, Baltimore Inner Harbor  
Agenda & Speakers

Total 1.0 CEUs

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017**

**REGISTRATION**

Friday, September 22, 2017, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**ACTIVE SHOOTER**

Friday, September 22, 2017, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Presenter: David M. Johnston

.10 CEU

**Dave Johnston** currently serves as a Protective Security Advisor assigned to the State of Maryland with the Department of Homeland Security. In this role he serves as a security and resiliency liaison between federal, state, local, and industry partners, ensuring the protection of America's critical infrastructure in the region. As a leader with the Department of Homeland Security since the organization's inception in 2002, Mr. Johnston has been involved in Maritime & Aviation law enforcement, security, contingency planning, and force readiness. Prior to joining the department in his current position, Mr. Johnston served with both the Coast Guard and Department of Defense as a career aviator and security manager conducting worldwide operations

**VENDOR BREAK/SOCIAL HOUR: 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017**

**REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**JODI ARIAS TRIAL**

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Presenters: Marla Arnold & Michael Babicky

.25 CEU

Behind the Scenes of the Jodi Arias Trial - Court Reporter's Perspective - rapid fire testimony, international & national media interest, first live Tweeted trial, sealed transcripts are just some of the highlights we will speak about and how a court reporter navigates through challenges and production of transcripts on such a high-profile trial.

**Marla Arnold** has been a Certified Shorthand Reporter (Illinois) and an RPR for 21 years. She started her career in Chicago as a freelance reporter. She was owner/operator of A Reliable Reporter, Inc., in Chicago, which provided all court reporting services, as well as real-time and CART, for the major universities. She has been working in Arizona since 2007. While in Arizona, Marla spent five years captioning for Caption Colorado and then, in 2013, became an official with Maricopa County Superior Court where she is currently co-assigned to Judge Sherry Stephens.

**Michael Babicky** began reporting in 1979 as a freelance reporter. He also operated a small freelance firm from 1983 to 1988. In 1988 he became a Superior Court reporter for Maricopa County Superior Court. He has been assigned to Judge Sherry Stephens since 2010.

**VENDOR BREAK: 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.**

**VENDOR BREAK: 10:45 to 11:00 a.m.**

## **ENGLISH GREMLINS & BOSTON STRANGLER**

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Presenter: Santo Aurelio

.15 CEU

**Dr. Santo J. Aurelio**, a former court reporter for 30 years, earned a bachelor and master degree from Harvard Business School and a doctorate in education from Boston University. He is a visiting professor at colleges throughout the Boston area, where he teaches a variety of subjects, including English grammar and medical legal terminology. He has written extensively on Black English, Judeo-Christian religion, sexist language, classical art, discrimination, word etymology, adult basic education, Jewish and Italian immigration, legal terms, and mnemonics. Most of his time is spent teaching, engaging in research and writing.

## **NCRA TOWN HALL MEETING**

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Working Lunch)

Presenter: Debra Dibble, NCRA Representative

.10 CEU

**Debra A. Dibble**, a 24-year veteran in the court and deposition arena, from Woodland, Utah, has worked as a deposition reporter in Salt Lake City since 2002. She holds the professional certifications of Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC). Dibble has also worked as a reporter in Memphis, Tenn., and as a captioner and CART provider since 2010.

At the national level, Dibble has served as an NCRA Chief Examiner and was involved in the development of NCRA's TRAIN (Taking Realtime Awareness and Innovation Nationwide) program. She served as a delegate to the National Committee of State Associations from 2008 to 2012.

In 2010, the Utah Court Reporters Association (UCRA) honored her with its Distinguished Service Award. Dibble has also served in numerous volunteer positions at the state level, including as a director for the Western District of Tennessee and is a past director and president of the UCRA.

**SEXTORTION & HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MD AND BEYOND** Saturday,  
September 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Presenters: Joan D. Winship & Kathryn Marsh  
.15 CEU

Do these human rights issues exist locally? What do we mean by each? How do they disproportionately affect women and girls? How are women and girls vulnerable at the hands of those willing to abuse their positions of power and increasingly – online predators. Discussion to be led Joan D. Winship, Executive Director (ret.), International Association of Women Judges; and Kathryn Marsh, Deputy State’s Attorney, Calvert County, Maryland.

**Joan D. Winship** served as Executive Director of the International Association of Women Judges from 2002-2015. With almost 5,000 members, the IAWJ has been recognized for its judicial education programs and its work advancing human rights and equal justice for all, with programming throughout the world. Ms. Winship has many years of experience working on international issues, including international organizations, human rights, gender, and global higher education. Prior to going to the IAWJ, she was Advisor for Strategic Alliances for Vital Voices Global Partnership, Vice President at the Stanley Foundation, and also Director of Women Waging Peace.

**Kathryn Marsh** is presently the Deputy State’s Attorney in Calvert County, Maryland. Mrs. Marsh has served in the State’s Attorney’s Office since graduating from the University of Arizona in 1998. She began as the Victim Witness Advocate and advanced to be the Victim/Witness Coordinator while attending law school at the University of Baltimore. Upon graduating with honors from law school, Mrs. Marsh was hired as an Assistant State’s Attorney. She continued to advance in the office over the next twelve years to her current position. Her career has covered almost every type of case, and she has specialized in the prosecution of major felonies, including homicide, child abuse and sexual assault.

**VENDOR BREAK: 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

## **COURT REPORTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Presenter: Brenda Stephens

.10 CEU

Stress busters like stretching for sedentary jobs and aromatherapy, healthy portable snacks for court reporters on the go or stuck in one spot. We will incorporate movement into your daily activities. Learn healthier eating habits that enable you to develop sharper mental focus, reduce stress and take responsibility for your preventative healthcare, thereby enabling continuation of your career injury free.

**Brenda Stephens** is a nurse practitioner with 20+ years of experience. She has a passion for health & wellness and treating patients in a holistic manner. As founder of Sunflower Health & Wellness Consultants, Brenda practices conventional medicine with proven complimentary therapies. Brenda is a certified clinical aromatherapist, writer, mentor, and now business owner.

**VENDOR BREAK: 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

## **ETHICAL CONUNDRUMS – YOU MAKE THE CALL!**

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Presenter: Kathy DiLorenzo, Director of Court Reporting, Planet Depos

.15 CEU

**Kathy DiLorenzo** is a recognized leader in the court reporting industry with more than 37 years of experience, including dedicating more than 20 years of her career to the National Court Reporters Association, culminating as its President. Kathy is responsible for the recruiting, vetting, onboarding and continuing education of Planet Depos' talented team of professional court reporters.

The moderator presents a scenario encountered by a court reporter on the job. You must make a split-second decision as to what is the appropriate action. Once all votes are in, the audience discusses and debates, and a best practice revealed.