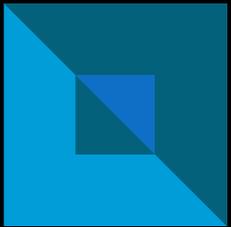


# Event Schedule

7:00 – 8:00	Registration/Continental Breakfast	
8:00 – 9:00	Austin White	Situational Awareness
9:00 – 10:30	Steve Clark	Transitioning from Court to CART captioning
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Break	Raffle
11:00 – 12:00	Karen Hart and John Stirrup	SB 545 Anti-Contracting Bill
12:00 – 1:30	Business Lunch/Town Hall Meeting	Max Curry, NCRA
1:30 – 3:00	Steve Clark	Realtime Writing Shortcuts
3:00 – 3:30	Afternoon Break	Raffle/Heads-or-Tails
3:30 – 4:30	Max Curry	Technology
4:30 – 5:30	Mary Ann Payonk	Get Good, then Get Better

(Dave Stanley and Michele Eddy will be available for one-on-one training with reporters throughout the day. Sign-up sheet will be at registration table)

NCRA - .80 CEU  
NVRA - 7.0 CEU



# Speakers

## **Steve Clark, CRC (Certified Realtime Captioner)**

Steve Clark is the Manager of Home Team Captions, a Washington, DC based realtime captioning company. Steve began his career as a freelance court reporter in 1985. In 1997, Steve left court reporting to pursue a career in broadcast captioning. In 2006, after nine years in the broadcast captioning field, Steve started Home Team Captions (HTC). HTC provides onsite and remote CART captioning for individuals and large groups, in one-on-one settings as well as conferences; online webinars and seminars; civic settings, including live theater performances; and stadium captioning of sporting events.

Steve also provides one-on-one remote training for realtime writers who are transitioning from court reporting to captioning, and for working broadcast captioners interested in captioning broadcast sports. Steve's one-on-one training has been approved for continuing education units by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA).

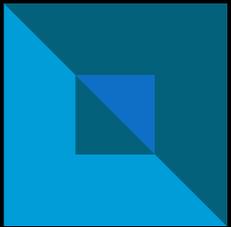
Steve is the co-chair of NCRA's Broadcast and CART Captioning Committee. He was president of the New Hampshire Court Reporters association from 1994-1996. He has presented at local, state, and national court reporting and captioning seminars since 1997, including presenting on three panels at NCRA's 2017 National Convention and Expo. Most recently, in December of 2017, Steve presented an all-day training session for court reporters at the District of Columbia Superior Court.

## **R. Max Curry, Jr., RPR, CRI, CCR, B.C.R.**

Roy M. Curry, Jr., is a court reporter from Franklin, Tenn., with more than 25 years of experience. Curry, who owns Elite Reporting Services, also taught court reporting to students at the Tennessee Career College in Nashville. He holds a bachelor's degree of court reporting from the University of Mississippi.

Curry has been a member of NCRA since attending court reporting school at the University of Mississippi. He has presented seminars both live and via the Internet for NCRA and served as a test proctor for the Association's RPR and RMR tests for several years. He served on NCRA's Freelance Reporter Community of Interest and currently serves on the Convention/Firm Owners Planning Committee.

At the state level, Curry served as president of the Tennessee Court Reporters Association (TCRA) on two separate occasions. He is currently serving as TCRA's vice president and is involved with organizing TCRA's annual convention. He has also conducted seminars and educational classes for TCRA



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## **Mary Ann Payonk**

Mary Ann is a 1977 graduate of Central Pennsylvania Business School in Summerdale, Pennsylvania, and she has worked for over 20 years in the Richmond area. Mary Ann is currently working in the Greater Washington, D.C. market. She served as president for two terms in the Greater Washington Shorthand Reporters Association. Over the course of her career, Mary Ann has achieved her RPR, RMR, RDR, CRR and CCR.

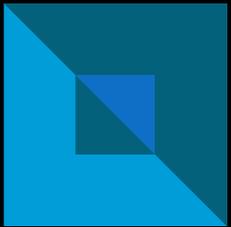
Mary Ann is an independent Freelance Realtime Reporter and is a certified reporter and certified realtime reporter in California. Mary Ann advocates for reporters every single day and believes in giving back to the profession. Mary Ann has now begun an annual Empowerment Conference in Old Town Alexandria, contributing her own time and money, all while striving for a Firm Owners Conference type event for the working reporter.

## **Austin C. White**

Special Agent White has 30 years of service with local, state and federal governments as well as the private sector in a variety of public safety disciplines. He is currently assigned to the Virginia Fusion Center, which is the Commonwealth's all-crimes/all-hazards intelligence center. In addition to his investigation and intelligence duties, he serves as the Training Programs Manager and Liaison Officer. His responsibilities include initiating contact with agents and officers in the Intelligence Community in addition to federal, state and local law enforcement officers to facilitate sharing of information and resources related to domestic and international terrorism.

He is the statewide coordinator for Virginia's Fusion Liaison Officer Training Program and had previously served on the Executive Protective Unit as a Shift Leader where he was tasked with the protection of the Governor and First Family of Virginia. Special Agent White also is a frequent guest lecturer for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia instructing in both the anti-terrorism and intelligence analysis programs in their office of state and local training and is an instructor for the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama in their law enforcement section. A certified Associate Emergency Manager, he is also a technical instructor specializing in mass fatality incident response and emergency services coordination for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Special Agent White holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia Tech as well as the Advanced Professional Series and Professional Development Series post-graduate certificates from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Management Institute. He is certified as a law enforcement instructor, private security instructor, crisis-hostage negotiator, Professional Continuity Practitioner, National Level II Crime Prevention Specialist and Personal Protection Specialist. He holds a Title 19 law enforcement commission with DHS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a Customs Officer and is a member of multiple federal/state working groups.



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## **KAREN HART**

Karen Hart has been reporting since 1987 and has attained the RPR, RMR, and CRR certifications. She began her own reporting firm, Hart Reporting and Videoconferencing, in 1998, and for the past 20 years, Karen has been a full-time reporter while managing a talented staff of reporters and office staff.

Over the past 30 years of reporting, Karen has been fortunate to travel and work in the United Kingdom and Germany as well as work with some of the most skilled reporters out there. She has worked in federal courts in Washington, D.C. and Virginia over the years. Currently, along with other reporters at her firm, she provides CART for a few college students, and Karen finds this work to be rewarding and enjoys playing a small part in the students' educational success.

## **JOHN STIRRUP**

John T. Stirrup, Partner, has enjoyed a distinguished career of achieving successful legislative and public policy accomplishments, managing government affairs practices, leading grassroots efforts and winning public affairs strategies. He has worked with a wide range of elected officials in the Executive Branch, United States Congress, state and county governments and the private sector.

He served as a political appointee in the Reagan Administration, serving in Congressional Relations positions. Subsequently, he moved to Capitol Hill and served as Chief of Staff to then Representative Dr. Tom A. Coburn. During his tenure with Congressman Coburn, Mr. Stirrup was named a John C. Stennis Fellow.

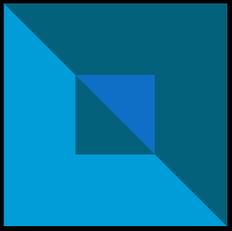
Since leaving Capitol Hill, he has represented private and public sector clients before Congress, the Administration, the Virginia General Assembly, regulatory agencies, local governments and international organizations.

He was elected to serve on the Prince William County, VA Board of Supervisors, representing the Gainesville District, in 2003 and re-elected in 2007. His colleagues elected him Vice-Chairman in 2008.

Upon leaving the Board of Supervisors, he was appointed, by the Governor, to the Virginia Commission on Local Government and continues to serve there.

A frequent lecturer at George Mason University's Graduate School of Public Policy, he is often asked to address audiences on current public policy issues. He has appeared on multiple news outlets including all the major national and local television networks to discuss public policy issues of the day.

His philanthropic work includes serving on the Boards of Directors of the Hylton Performing Arts Center, the Manassas Battlefield Trust and the Heritage Hunt Golf Classic.



# Topics

## **Situational Awareness**

No one can know what dangers lurk around the corner; a surprise, a mugging, an explosion, a shooter on a rampage or even a terrorist attack. But as an individual, you can learn how to avoid these situations and how to respond should you find yourself confronted by the unexpected. Special Agent Austin White will show you how to become more aware and how to respond to various situations.

## **Transitioning from Court to CART captioning**

This 1.5-hour keynote address begins with a brief background of Steve's career and his path from court reporting student to court reporter to broadcast captioner, CART captioner, business owner, and now manager of Home Team Captions (HTC).

Steve will share his experiences with providing CART in the courtroom. The realtime equipment Steve uses will be set up and available to all, including wireless options for providing CART captioning and peripheral equipment that every realtime writer should have on hand. A link to NCRA's "CART in the Courtroom: Model Guidelines" will be provided to all attendees.

## **SB 545**

Learn about the grass roots effort that led to the birth of SB545 and following it through the state legislature to law in Virginia.

## **Realtime Writing Shortcuts**

During this 1.5-hour session, Steve will introduce you to techniques he has developed and has been taught during his 33-year career. Writing techniques include smart and effective briefing of high-frequency words and phrases; easy-to-remember and easy-to-use speaker IDs; how to write numbers with punctuation in the same stroke; and building on your briefs -- starting with a root brief or word and building on that to easily write extensions of the root.

A link to these writing techniques and theories will be provided to all attendees.

## **Get Good, then Get Better**

Words may lie but memes always tell the truth: A seriously funny look at what we do and how we do it. Mary Ann will talk about some of the most worrisome, daunting issues facing working freelance reporters today, and give suggestions on how to survive and thrive in the changing world of reporting: Get Good, then Get Better. Get Smart About Business, then Get Tough and run your business LIKE a business. Now let's GET GOIN'.

## **Technology - Don't Fear it, Embrace it**