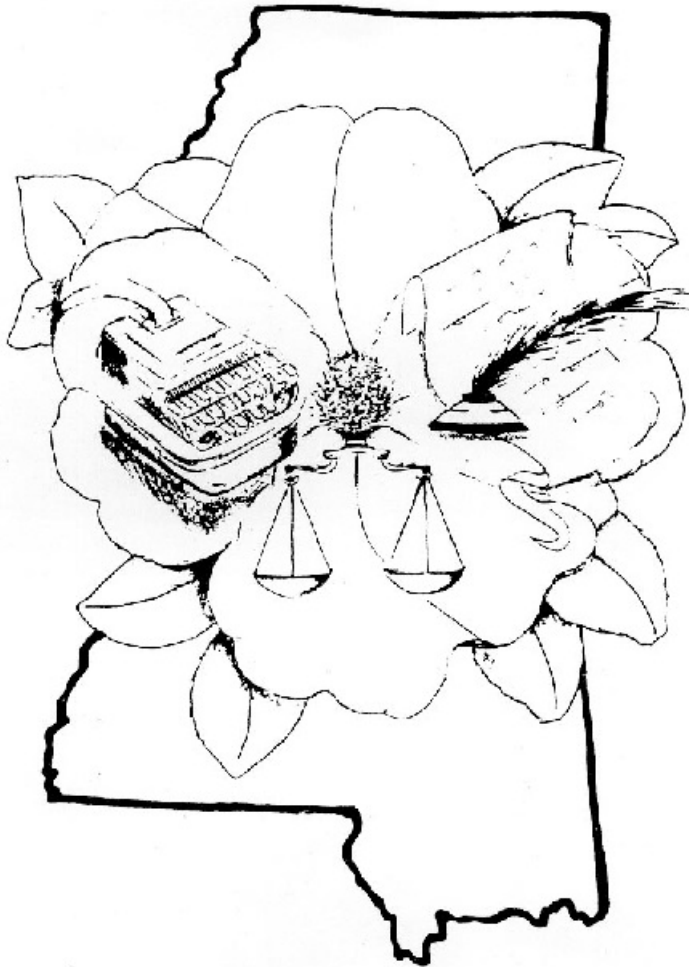


# 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR AND CONVENTION FOR COURT REPORTERS



*Imperial Palace Resort  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
April 18 - 20, 2018*

Conducted by:  
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## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Seminar and Convention for Court Reporters will be conducted by the Mississippi Judicial College at the Imperial Palace Resort, 850 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi on April 18-20, 2018. The program content was developed by the Continuing Education Committee of the Mississippi Court Reporters working in conjunction with the Mississippi Judicial College.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** The seminar pre-registration form included herein should be completed and returned to the Mississippi Judicial College as soon as possible. *It is very important that you pre-register for this seminar* as guarantees must be made to the hotel, especially for the meeting space, receptions, breaks, and other functions. *Your pre-registration for this program will also assure you of receiving all registration materials including notebooks, hand-outs, and other items.*

**REGISTRATION:** On-site registration for the spring seminar will commence on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Pre-Function area of the Royal Halls at the Imperial Palace. The seminar registration desk will remain open for the duration of the seminar and a representative of the Mississippi Judicial College will be in attendance at all times. **NOTE: The first class will begin at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.**

***THE MJC BOARD OF GOVERNORS HAS ADOPTED A 100% ATTENDANCE POLICY AT ALL SEMINARS AND MISSISSIPPI OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 100% OF THE PROGRAM TO BE REIMBURSED FOR MILEAGE, MEALS AND HOTEL.***

### REGISTRATION FEE:

Mississippi Official Reporters.....	None
MCRA Members (in state). . . . .	\$45.00
MCRA Members (out of state). . . . .	\$70.00
MCRA Non-Members. . . . .	\$130.00
Scopist and Students/MCRA Members. . . . .	\$30.00

**Please make all checks payable to *THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI/MJC.***

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT:** Application has been made to the Council of the Academy of Professional Reporters (CAPR) for approval of this seminar for 1.2 CEUs. The application will be considered under the “Continuing Education and Professional Development Guideline”. By attending the entire program you will be awarded 1.2 CEUs. If your state is a CCR state and you prefer CE hours rather than CEUs then we will award hour credits for you. There are 12 hours in the program which corresponds to 24 CE credit hours.

# MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS



Casino • Resort • Spa  
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

This year's spring conference will be held at the Imperial Palace Resort. Reservations may be made by calling the Imperial Palace Reservation Department directly at 228-436-3000, and identifying yourself as an attendee at the Court Reporter Conference or using group code (S180329).

The Mississippi Judicial College has obtained a special rate for the nights of Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our room rate for those nights is \$82.00, plus a \$9.00 resort fee. Any reservation requests made prior to or after these dates are subject to availability and the prevailing hotel rates.

***The deadline for making reservations with the Imperial Palace Resort in the MJC room block is March 27, 2018, or until rooms in the block are gone, whichever comes first.***

All reservations must be made directly with the Imperial Palace and must be guaranteed by a credit card when you contact the hotel. Should cancellation of your reservation become necessary, the Imperial Palace requires twenty-four (24) hours notice prior to the scheduled check-in time.

**Mississippi Official Reporters** will have their rooms placed on the Master Bill of the Mississippi Judicial College for the nights of April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, for the \$82.00 rate plus the \$9.00 resort fee, but you must guarantee your room with a credit card. Mississippi Official Reporters will have their meals reimbursed at the MJC rate and mileage will be reimbursed at the rate of 0.545 cents per mile for those who drive their own vehicles.

***Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m***

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*April 18-20, 2018*  
**Imperial Palace Resort  
Biloxi, Mississippi**



## *Agenda*

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

12:15 - 12:30 p.m.

**Opening and Welcome Address**

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Code of Professional Ethics**

*Do you know what your obligations are under NCRA's Code of Professional Practice? This presentation is designed to give an overview of the basic principles of Code and how to apply them to common scenarios faced by reporters today.*

*Linda McSwain, RPR*  
NCRA Director  
Mobile, Alabama

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.

**BREAK**

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

**Business Meeting**

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

**BREAK**

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**Solving the Mystery of the  
Quagmire of Voir Dire  
The Reinvention of Jury Selection**

*Michael A. Scire, RPR*  
*Richard S. Scire, RPR, CMRS*  
Sarasota, Florida

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Reception**

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

**Breakfast Buffett**

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

**STENO OPS (STENOGRAPHER OPERATIONS) AT GUANTANAMO BAY**

*Nancy Varallo, owner of The Varallo Group LLC will tell us about the detailed process to assemble and qualify an elite team of court reporters to provide stenographic services at Guantanamo Bay - testing, obtaining top secret clearances, selecting technology and equipment, arranging travel and housing, and wading through seemingly endless government documentation. The affectionately called StenOPS team is currently at work reporting the hearing of those accused in the USS Cole bombings and the terrorism of 9/11 that changed the world.*

*Nancy Varallo, RDR, CRR, FAPR  
The Varallo Group LLC  
Worcester, Massachusetts*

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

**BREAK**

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

**Gadgets and Gizmos**

*In this interactive seminar, reporters will learn about new technological advances for their reporting jobs, smart phones, tablets, and homes.*

*Celeste Werkheiser  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida*

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.

**BREAK**

11:00 a.m. - 12:00

**Breakout Sessions**

**A. MEC Training**

*Electronic filing is already here for some and soon to be implemented for everyone. Our speaker will walk us through the steps of electronically filing our transcripts.*

*Katie Dalton  
Trainer Support Specialist  
Mississippi Electronic Courts*

**B. Freelance Floater Frolicking**

*Celeste Werkheiser  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida*

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

Installation of Officers

*Nancy Varallo  
Worcester, Massachusetts*

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Social Media and the Law**

*Hon. Kenneth Griffis*

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

**BREAK**

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

***Breakout Sessions***

A. PERS

*Field Representative*

B. Financial Planning

*Bridget Weatherly*

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

**BREAK**

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Rebuilding our Profession – Together – One Student at a Time**

*Nancy Varallo, co-founder of Project Steno and chair of NCRA's A to Z Task Force, has spent decades training students and developing reporters for successful careers in our time-honored profession. In this motivational and upbeat presentation, Nancy will discuss the need for all of us to work – together – to bring young people into court reporting and captioning. Learn about the grassroots A to Z program and the new A to Z Online offering. Hear about Project Steno's exciting awareness campaign and tuition assistance/student monitoring program. Walk away with a new can-do spirit. Yes, WE can do this!*

*Nancy Varallo, RDR, CCR, FAPR*

The Varallo Group

Worcester, Massachusetts

***Friday, April 20, 2018***

7:00 - 8:30

**Breakfast Buffett**

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

**Unleashing the Realtime Superstar in You! Or How I Made My Life Easier Part I**

*Shorthand for the 21<sup>st</sup> century boils down to this: write short – write fast – write clean - do it all day! To be truly realtime capable – able to turn out fast, accurate drafts and fast certified transcripts – we need to write smarter. We have to write fast, with clean notes, for hours on end – and then turn out a fast draft transcript on demand. Ed Varallo, six-time NCRA Speed Contest champion, will outline his systematic approach to writing shorthand which is designed to require less physical effort, produce better realtime output, and thus reduce editing/scoping time. Ed will share his tips and techniques that will set you on the path to unleash the Realtime Superstar inside you!*

*Ed Varallo, RMR, CCR, FAPR  
Worcester, Massachusetts*

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

**BREAK**

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**Unleashing the Realtime Superstar in You! Or How I Made My Life Easier Part II**

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# REGISTRATION FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

MS CCR# \_\_\_\_\_ CCR# \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ RPR# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

Official Type \_\_\_\_\_

Freelance

**FEES:**

Mississippi Official Reporters. . . . . None

MCRA Members/In State. . . . . \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

MCRA Members/Out of State. . . . . \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

MCRA Non-Members. . . . . \$130.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Scopist and Students MCRA Members . . . . . \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Students must indicate school attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets** for Wednesday luncheon (Address by NCRA Director). . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On-site registration will be assessed a surcharge of. . . . . \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:**. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Officer Installation Luncheon (\$30.00)**

*(Although Mississippi Officials do not have to pay for the luncheon please make sure you check if you plan to attend.)*

**Return registration form to and make checks payable to: The University of Mississippi/MJC**

P. O. Box 1848  
University, MS 38677  
Attn: Linda Beasley  
Fax: 662.915.7845

**MJC is not allowed to accept cash for registration fees.**

**Only check or money order is accepted.**

**Cancellation Policy:** Full refunds will be made for **WRITTEN** cancellations **POSTMARKED, FAXED OR E-MAILED** by **April 1, 2018**. Absolutely no refunds for no-show at the conference.

**If you should have a question, please contact:** Linda Beasley [lwleb@olemiss.edu](mailto:lwleb@olemiss.edu)  
Phone: 662.915.1226

**Please return registration form** via e-mail to [mjcregistration@olemiss.edu](mailto:mjcregistration@olemiss.edu), mail or fax to the above address.