



NEBRASKA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

NeCRA FALL CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

Embassy Suites LaVista Convention Center ** Wingtip Room

12520 Westpark Parkway

LaVista, Nebraska 68128

- 7:45 – 8:30** **Registration and Coffee/Breakfast Items**
- 8:30 – 10:00** **MICHAEL STARKMAN – Are your files backed up?**
Are you prepared if your computer crashes? It's a terrible thought, but it's something you want to be ready for should it happen. Michael will explore a few backup options to help you secure critical data. Shopping for, buying and setting up a computer for court reporting can be stressful. Michael will explain a popular option that will help decrease that stress
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- 10:15 – 11:45** **MATT LIERMAN, Chief, Drug Enforcement Unit
United States Attorney's Office; Omaha, Nebraska
Trip Set Gang**
Omaha Trip Set Gang is a new gang in the Omaha area, and this presentation will detail its rise in the metro area, its impact, and the ongoing efforts to address the ever-increasing violent crimes associated with the group. Operation South Sudan Soldiers is a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives investigation that yielded numerous arrests and prosecutions involving members of this gang.
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- 11:45 – 1:00** **LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING WITH NCRA DIRECTOR - CATHY PENNISTON, RPR, CRI**
- 1:00– 2:00** **CHRISTAL McDONALD, RPR, CSR(IA)**
Briefs: Tips & Tricks for Realtime
Realtime writing is for everyone; sometimes you just need a good brief to keep up with clean writing. Christal will guide you through using speaker IDs, briefs, and shortcuts. This will increase your speed, reduce your editing time and help you conquer your next challenging trial, deposition, or captioning assignment.
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- 2:00 – 3:00** **CAREY POMYKATA, Executive Director**
COALITION RX
Coalition RX is a community organization based in Omaha, NE. Founded in 2015, its mission is to reduce the misuse of all substances of abuse by raising awareness and partnering with community organizations to provide public and professional education, prevention and treatment resources, and policy advocacy.
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- 3:15 – 5:15** **STEFANIE ALLISON, RPR, CSR (IA)**
STRONG CAMPAIGN
NCRA's Strong Committee was formed to promote stenographic captioning and court reporting as the best means to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the record. One of its missions is to combat false proclamations that digital and automatic speech recognition (ASR) methods of capturing the spoken word are equal or superior to stenographic means and/or that these methods are less expensive. Don't be fooled. With the assistance of forensic experts, the Committee is conducting research and undertaking efforts to educate the users of our services about the dangers and, frequently, more costly nature of these alternative methodologies
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