

## TOP TEN REASONS TO BECOME A COURT REPORTER

1. Court reporters work in a **growing field**. The National Court Reporters Association has predicted that more than 5,500 court reporters will be needed in the next five years. Iowa will need 50 reporters in the next five years.
2. Court reporters **use technology** by providing realtime translation in the courtroom, classroom, television, or Internet. This allows judges and lawyers the opportunity to review testimony instantly and provides captions for deaf and hearing-impaired individuals.
3. Court reporters have **interesting jobs**. Captioners, CART providers, or judicial reporters find that every day is interesting, every assignment is a bit different from the last, and there are new people to meet and stories to hear every single day.
4. Court reporters have **job flexibility**. Court reporters can work full or part-time and often are able to do much of their work from their homes.
5. Court reporters **earn good money**. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the median pay in 2012 was \$48,160 per year.
6. Court reporters can **earn even more money**. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the top ten percent of the profession earned over \$90,500 in 2012.
7. Court reporters are **smart**. Every single day of preparation to become a court reporter and every day of work expose the reporter or captioner to new information and knowledge.
8. Court reporters are **tough**. They face the challenge of learning a physical and technological skill that most would find too frightening to even try.
9. Court reporters **contribute to society**. Court reporting is a noble profession that impacts our justice system and our cultural sensitivity and support of those who suffer from hearing loss.
10. Court reporters are **reliable**. People who work in the court reporting field ensure that legal transcripts are accurate and well prepared and serve those who rely on them.

