To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.
-Steve Prefontaine

In this month’s issue of The Guardian, we would like to continue to introduce you to members of our College of Court Reporting family. Below you will find an interview with Lisa Morton, our Director of Financial Aid. On page 5, find an interview with CCR graduate Liz Trella.

We want to get acquainted with our new students as well. Stay tuned for spotlights on students in the future.

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT: LISA MORTON

1. When did you start working at College of Court Reporting?
I started working at CCR in May of 2000.

2. What’s your educational background?
I attended Liberty University where I took education classes, but I graduated from Indiana University Northwest. In addition, I attended CCR as a student in 1998-2000 where I learned the Phoenix Theory and began speedbuilding.

3. Tell us about your family!
I have three wonderful daughters who have all graduated with their undergraduate degrees. My oldest daughter has one more year left to complete her Master’s Degree in Holistic Health Education at JFK University in Pleasant Hill, CA. My middle daughter works for TRX out in San Francisco, CA. My youngest daughter is hoping to start a Master’s Degree Program at Indiana University in the Fall. I am very blessed to have three supportive daughters.

4. What do you enjoy most about being a CCR instructor?
Without a doubt, I love helping students learn how to evaluate their writing so that they can effectively improve their writing skills. It brings me so much joy to see a student transform into a working court reporter!

5. What do you like to do in your free time?
In my free time, I enjoy yoga, kickboxing, and long walks on our local bike path. In addition, I am a beach girl. I love to hang out at Lake Michigan or any ocean--if I am near one.

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Onsite:
Chiquita Smith
Chiquita enrolled with CCR as an on-site student in the fall of 2011. She has earned multiple honors distinctions and has demonstrated semester after semester that she is motivated and committed to putting her all into each semester here at CCR. Keep up the good work, Chiquita.

Online:
Olivia Jones-Riddle
Olivia transferred to CCR last semester, and ever since she has been taking her SAPs by storm! In April alone she passed 9 SAPs! With the dedication and self-confidence that Olivia advances with in life, she is bound for a successful career in court reporting! You are an inspiration to all CCR students and staff! Good luck with your semesters to come!

6. What's your favorite band to see live?
I really enjoy attending local concerts in our area. My favorite local band is The Crawpuppies, and my favorite concert last summer was Foreigner. My all time favorite band is the Eagles!

7. Where is your favorite place to vacation?
I recently took a long road trip from Indiana to California. Lake Tahoe is such a beautiful sight to behold. I love visiting San Francisco with its Redwood trees, the Bay, Golden Gate National Park, and hiking trails. Key West comes in a very close second to California. I have New Zealand on my bucket list. My daughter studied abroad there, and the pictures looked amazing.

CALIFORNIA JUDGES SUPPORT COURT REPORTERS
The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee continued to get responses to an article on replacing court reporters with electronic recording from February 14. On March 8, the Hon. Matthew J. Gary, a family law judge for the Sacramento Superior Court, responded that the assertion that electronic recording worked in the past is “historical fiction.” Gary wrote, “Court reporting by a certified shorthand reporter is far more advanced and efficient than electronic recording. Reporters produce a more precise, clear, and certain record. That is what an official record should be—precise, clear, and certain.”

Another editorial, published March 18, also defended the choice of court reporters over electronic recording devices. The Hon. William Hamlin of Fresno County Superior Court wrote: “[E]lectronic recording cannot replace court reporters altogether. That is not because we’ve been bullied by the reporters’ union, but because due process demands an accurate record. Compare a transcript recreated from a recording to one prepared by a skilled court reporter before you incorrectly label reporters expensive and inefficient.


HARKIN PROPOSES NEW CAPTIONING LEGISLATION
On March 13, Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa introduced two new bills related to captioning. The first bill, “Captioning and Image Narration to Enhance Movie Accessibility Act” (or the CINEMA Act), would require every movie theater with two or more screens to provide captioning as well as video description. The second bill would require that airlines providing movies and other entertainment make captions available to customers.

Source: https://www.help.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/?id=347af2ed-b204-45a8-b565-0b8a218f5889&groups=Chair

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**WORD TRIPPERS** by Barbara McNichol

**Lightening, lightning** – As a verb, “lightening” (note the “e”) means to make something lighter, brighter, or clearer; to illuminate. “Lightning,” a noun, refers to the flashing of light produced by a discharge of atmospheric electricity. As an adjective, “lightning” means having, or moving with, the speed of lightning.

“The lightning and wind were calming as dawn approached and the sky began lightening in the east.” – Jonnie Cohen

“The lightning motivated the sailors to speed up their pace, lightening the ship’s load faster.” – Marla Hartson

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**APRIL EVALUATIONS PASSED**

These students have all passed one or more SAP evaluations during the month of April.

Students who have passed an exit speed have been bolded.

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1. Where do you currently reside?
Tampa, Florida.

2. Why did you decide to come to court reporting school?
I joined court reporting school because court reporters run in the family. It’s a prosperous career after completion of school, and I loved the wow-factor of, hey, I’m a court reporter. I did this. That’s what I was waiting for during school. It’s a very respected career.

3. What did you do before court reporting school?
I worked at a chiropractor’s office as a physical therapist assistant, and then I served/bartended my way through school.

4. What date did you start court reporting school?
June of 2009.

5. What made you choose CCR?
A relative attended CCR and had great things to say. I was also immediately on board with the staff when speaking with them during registration.

6. What are your strengths/weaknesses?
Perfectionism, professional appearances, professional personality, quick turn around on transcripts are strengths. Second guessing, thinking too hard, and managing home life and work life in the home are weaknesses. All I constantly work at and continue to improve or better.

7. What was your biggest challenge?
Throughout school time management was my biggest challenge. My work hours, a toddler running around, balancing sleep and practice time were a constant struggle for me. Time management doesn’t go away, by the way. It’s just as difficult a task as a student as it is as a working reporter. You have to find what works. I’ve been very fortunate that the agency I work with is very in tune with their reporters and are constantly helping in any way they can to help us get out that product.

8. What motivated you to complete the program?
My now four-year-old son and getting back on my own two feet to support us.

9. What advice would you give to other court reporting students?
Be honest. Instructors and staff are there to help and work with you if there’s an issue. Take a break. It’s okay to take your hands off of your machine for a day and then come back. Sometimes that break is necessary physically as well as mentally and does more good than harm rather than to constantly hack that speed. It worked for me at least.

10. Do you currently have a job? If yes, what do you do?
I’m a freelance court reporter for an agency Orange Legal.

11. How did you find your current job?
NCRA website.

12. What are your future plans? What certifications do you plan on earning?
I would love to go as far as a realtime certification.
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**POLL OF THE MONTH:**

Why did you decide to get into court reporting?

A. I love the English language!  
B. My place is in the court room.  
C. I’ve always been a fast typist.  
D. The money!  

Vote for your choice on the left side of the screen when you log into ev360!  
Your results will appear in the next issue along with a new Poll of the Month!

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*Birthdays are in bold print! Happy birthday, CCR students and faculty!*

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