



## **FCRA 2021 SPEAKERS**

### **Laura E. Bedard, Ph.D.**

Laura E. Bedard, Ph.D., began her work in corrections as a jail administrator in 1984. She served on the administrative faculty for the College of Criminology at Florida State University for 17 years. During her tenure at the University, she ran a study abroad program in the Czech Republic lecturing on crime topics in an emerging democracy. In 2005, she became the first female Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections. There she was responsible for 27,000 state employees and over 200,000 offenders in the third largest correctional system in the country. She has managed state and federal facilities serving as Warden at six facilities in Florida, Texas, and Ohio. Dr. Bedard has published and lectured worldwide on a number of corrections-related topics including women in prison, mental health issues, and correctional leadership. Dr. Bedard is currently serving as the Chief of Corrections for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in Sanford, Florida. She has been married to her husband Roy for 28 years and they have two fabulous grown children.

### **Roy R. Bedard, Ph.D.**

Roy Bedard, Ph.D. is a law enforcement officer, inventor, educator, consultant and trainer. He has a doctorate in sport, exercise and performance psychology with a focus on decision making, expertise and perceptual cognitive skills. Roy has worked with law enforcement, corrections, and military personnel in the area of use of force and human performance for over 33 years. Roy has achieved national and international notoriety in professional circles for his innovative programs and cutting-edge presentations. Today, Roy travels extensively to share his expertise with members of the criminal justice community.

### **Ninette Butler, RPR, CRR, CRC, RSA, CCR (GA), FPR**

Ninette Butler has achieved certifications from the National Court Reporters Association as a Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, Certified Realtime Captioner, and has received a certificate as a Realtime Systems Administrator. Further certifications include the Florida Professional Reporter and the Georgia Certified Court Reporter. Ninette has been an authorized representative and trainer for ProCAT for four years. Ninette is currently a freelance reporter, covering high-stakes civil trials and depositions throughout the state of Florida. While raising two young children, in her spare time she developed the program to live caption church services for the hard-of-hearing ministry at First Baptist Orlando. Ninette is happily married and enjoys devoting her time to her two teenagers, two dogs, five cats, a hamster and ball python. She loves working with her husband on home-improvement projects and rewards him with gourmet home-cooked meals.

### **Elliot Carter, MD.**

Elliot Carter, MD., has been an anatomic and clinical pathologist at the University of South Alabama for 21 years. He is the Director of Clinical Laboratories for the USA Hospital System and Director of Clinical Microbiology. His clinical duties include COVID testing for the University Healthcare System.

### **Kelcy Coleman**

I'm Kelcy! A motivated and goal driven human. I love to learn by experience and thrive when multi-tasking. I have a great ability to dedicate myself 100% to various responsibilities throughout the day and my life. I can segment tasks, but not lose priorities. My marketing agencies foundation is in paid digital (SEM, Social, Amazon).

### **Phillip Evans, CPT CSCS**

Phil has been a personal trainer for over 6 years. After graduating from University of Miami, he started his career working with NFL candidates to optimize their performance. From there he moved to opening his own business to train people of all ages and abilities, focusing on helping people to relieve chronic pain and improve movement patterns. Currently, Phil is the director of personal training at Fitness CF. Between training his own clients, he also coaches his team of trainers on how to provide the best services possible to their clients.

### **Tracy Finan, RPR, FPR (FL), CCR (GA)**

Tracy Finan attended Pensacola Junior College's Court Reporting Technology Program, completing her studies in 1993 and began working immediately in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. She also graduated with an AA in Paralegal Studies from Okaloosa-Walton Community College and attended Auburn University on the beautiful plains of Alabama from 1980-1983. She resides in the state's capital, Tallahassee, Florida, and has a keen interest in governmental relations and policy and loves working alongside FCRA's lobbying team. She is a member of FCRA, NCRA, GCRA, and STAR. Tracy is a nationally certified RPR freelance court reporter and is President of P&T Stenographic Services. Tracy, additionally, is a licensed certified court reporter in Georgia and is an official for the South Georgia Judicial Circuit. Tracy has served on the board for five years as Northern Director, Treasurer, Vice President and President-Elect as well as a NCSA delegate. Additionally, she chairs Government Relations, Bylaws, Finance, APS, EMDSA committees, and serves as a committee member on Convention, Membership, Public Relations, and FPR Professional Ethics.

### **Laura J. Landerman, RDR, CRR, FPR**

Laura has been a freelance court reporter in Florida for 35 years. She is a 33-year member of FCRA, is an FPR, serves on numerous committees and is currently on the association's executive board serving as vice president. Early in her career she attained NCRA's RPR, RMR and CRR designations and recently the prestigious RDR. Throughout her career, she has attended career fairs to promote court reporting as well as mentored many students to help them successfully launch their careers. Laura is a seasoned realtime writer and enjoys competing in both state and national realtime contests. Laura currently lives in Central Florida and is married with two stepsons. When not busy with all things court reporting, she loves to attend live concerts, spend time with friends and family and has traveled the world extensively.

### **Jason Meadors, FAPR, RPR, CRR, CRC**

Jason has reported for over 40 years in military, captioning, official, and freelance environments that have included assignments coast to coast and around the world. He has served on the boards of state, user group, and national associations. He is an NCRA Fellow and recipient of Colorado's DSA. He also writes books. Jason is currently serving on the Board of NCRA and is the nominee for President- Elect.

### **A. Corinne Mixon**

Corinne Mixon is a registered professional lobbyist with more than thirteen years of experience representing clients' state governmental interests. At Rutledge Ecenia, Corinne represents a broad client base with a particular emphasis on health care practitioners, education and regulated industries and professions. She has been instrumental in passing myriad legislation and killing or containing bills which would have negatively impacted her clients. Prior to joining Rutledge Ecenia, Corinne was principal shareholder of Mixon & Associates, a lobbying firm operating since 1992 which became a part of Rutledge Ecenia in early 2017. Corinne began her professional career as a Public Relations Account Coordinator at the Zimmerman Agency, the largest hospitality-centered communications firm in the nation. Corinne managed the public relations efforts for major hotels stretching from the Cayman Islands to New York City. While earning her BA from the University of Alabama's School of Communications and Information Sciences, Corinne garnered an internship in the D.C. office of U.S. Senator Richard Shelby, thus igniting her interest in professional lobbying and politics. Corinne lobbies across multiple platforms: legislative, executive and state regulatory boards. Corinne has managed a large statewide political campaign and been hired as a crisis communication specialist while maintaining her role as a lobbyist. She also has significant experience working in association management, having held positions as Executive Director and executive vice president at two large statewide associations. In her consulting and procurement capacity, Corinne routinely opens doors on behalf of her clients to gain access to local boards and leaders. During her lobbying career, Corinne has delivered keynote addresses at dozens of commencements and conferences. Corinne became the youngest-ever recipient of the Florida Academy of Physician Assistants' Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor that is rarely bestowed upon a non-clinician, for her role in passing legislation. Corinne serves on several committees of the Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists and is a member of the Florida Education Legislative Liaisons. She is an avid runner and lover of Florida.

### **Alan Peacock, FAPR, RDR, CRC, CRR**

Alan Peacock began his reporting career in 1987 after he attended Biggers College of Court Reporting in New Orleans. In 1991, when captioning was in its infancy, Alan moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to work with Judy and Mike Brentano to provide live captioning on site at WXIA, one of the first stations to provide realtime captioning. While in Atlanta, Alan also trained

as a CART provider, even using a 286 DOS computer. He also was one of the first reporters to provide realtime CAT in the deposition setting in Atlanta. Alan Peacock began his reporting career in 1987 after he attended Biggers College of Court Reporting in New Orleans. In 1991, when captioning was in its infancy, Alan moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to work with Judy and Mike Brentano to provide live captioning on site at WXIA, one of the first stations to provide realtime captioning.

### **Marjorie Peters, RMR, CRR**

2021 marks Marjorie's 35th year as a court reporter. Marjorie's career has covered every aspect of reporting: official reporter; CART/Captioning, in-house staff captioner and remote independent contractor, in sports stadiums, convention venues and medical symposiums; freelance reporting, employee and later independent, Pittsburgh, PA, and latest, as of November 2019, Marjorie lives in Alexandria, VA, covering the Washington, DC area solely as an independent freelance reporter providing realtime and daily copy in complex litigation. She has written every kind of reporting, in every kind of venue.

Marjorie volunteer board service began in 1998 with PCRA, has been active on various NCRA committees, and has presented numerous seminars on behalf of both Associations. She currently serves as a Trustee of the National Court Reporters Foundation. In 2018, Marjorie was both blown away and humbled to be the recipient of NCRA's Santo Aurelio Award for Altruism. She is a long-time supporter of the court reporting program at Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh through teaching and curriculum development.

Marjorie continues to actively support the Light of Life Rescue Mission and Dress for Success, based in Pittsburgh, PA, and, now a resident of Alexandria, VA, she plans to identify a local organization to support, as well.

In addition to Marjorie's captioning experience and realtime expertise in reporting complex litigation, she is proud to be a part of the GTMO team in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba – an assignment she finds to be uniquely challenging and rewarding. (Just when you thought you've seen it all...) She is proud to be a part of the GTMO team which, as she describes, laughs as hard as it works.

When Marjorie is not serving 16-year-old calico, Hannah, you will find her cooking and enjoying wine, or hopefully, in the great outdoors riding a bike, but if she is lucky, a horse.

### **Jean Rebel**

Jean is a successful marketing executive with over 20 years of experience on the client and advertising agency side. This experience coupled with business development and client service experience allows an understanding of the entire advertising campaign process from both the agency and client side while working within all departments to strategize, plan, and execute all aspects of a campaign. Her vast experience has led her to open Jean Rebel, Inc media consulting firm. In her spare time she can be seen around downtown Sarasota with her best 4-legged friend, Maggie, volunteering for the SunCoast Blood Bank, or passionately writing her novel.

### **Amber Rodriguez, RPR, FPR, CSR**

Amber Rodriguez has been an independent reporter since graduating from the Court Reporting Institute of Dallas in 2002. She became nationally certified with NCRA and is a member of the Florida Court Reporters Association. Amber started her career working in Dallas, Texas. She relocated to South Carolina in 2006 to build her skill focused on construction litigation and that led her to Florida where she has been reporting ever since. In the fall of 2018, she opened her own boutique reporting firm Precision Reporting & Video located in Northwest Florida. Amber has a passion for adventure, so you will find her always on the move, spending time with her husband Al and son Kai. She loves being on the water and at home working on her garden.

### **Heather Sandford**

Heather Sandford is a passionate performance media marketer who thinks analytically & creatively, believes in experimenting, and appreciates attribution & accountability. She has over 20 years of experience planning and buying media for national, regional and local advertisers. She believes in surrounding yourself with individuals who are smart & forward-thinking and who will empower each other in order to elevate the entire team. She enjoys providing strategic solutions for advertisers that drives positive ROI in her business life, but in her personal life she enjoys spending time with her family, travel and empowering young women as a Girl Scout troop leader, making the world a better place.

### **Richard Scire, RPR, FPR**

Richard Scire has been reporting for 22 years. He graduated from the Sarasota County Technical Institute in Sarasota, FL, in 1998. He has been an RPR since 1999. He began his career doing freelance and criminal court contract work for Metzger Reporting Services in Charlotte County from 1998-2001 and freelance work for Lucente & Associates in Sarasota from 2001-2003. His identical twin brother, Michael, also a court reporter, recruited Richard to be an official reporter in 2003, where they both continue to work as officials in Felony Court for the 12th Judicial Circuit, providing realtime for the judges and even CART when needed for the hard of hearing and deaf in all courtrooms. Richard served five years on FCRA's Board of Directors, first as Central Director for two years, secretary for one year, vice president for one year, and president-

elect for one year. He also serves on several committees. Richard has authored articles in the Journal of Court Reporting and The Florida Reporter. He has been serving as the editor for The Florida Reporter for the past four years and has taken over as publisher last year. He participates in the state and national associations as well as their conventions. He, along with his brother, have conducted several seminars for FCRA Conventions as well as the Mississippi Court Reporters Association and most recently the Hawaii Court Reporters & Captioners Association and the Alabama Court Reporters Association. In 2015, Richard shared the stage with his brother as keynote speakers during the NCRA Convention's Premier Session. They have also presented to their circuit's State Attorney's Office multiple times, educating them on how to make a record. Richard and Michael were featured on two Florida news programs for being twin court reporters and were also interviewed for *For The Record: A Court Reporting Documentary*, promoting the film in multiple film festivals as well as TV, radio, and podcast interviews. In 2013 they shared the title and page of "Messrs. August" in NCRA PAC's Men of Court Reporting 2014 Calendar. Richard also shares the title with his brother for their contributions as NCRF Angels for the past six years. Richard and his twin reunited with the documentary filmmaker to launch MartiniAndAMovie.com, doing movie reviews and interviewing celebrities for film festivals. He enjoys being a man about town. While he eats right and exercises, he always enjoys a good martini, up, dry, and never more than two olives.

#### **Sheri Smargon, RDR, CRR, CRC, FPR, M.A.**

Sheri Smargon has been a broadcast captioner since graduating from court reporting school in 1992. She has provided realtime captioning for events such as the Olympics, the Stanley Cup Finals, and the Golden Globe Awards. Currently, Sheri does a bit of everything, providing realtime CART, captioning, and deposition work in the greater Tampa Bay area. She also holds a master's degree in Psychology. She is currently one of the instructors of NCRA's CRC (Certified Realtime Captioner) program, serves on several NCRA committees, and is now in her third year of committee service for FCRA. In her spare time, Sheri loves to bake, and she is a lover of all things "The Muppet Show"/"Sesame Street" related.

#### **Tiffany Treffeisen, RPR, FPR**

Tiffany Treffeisen has been a stenographic reporter for 22 years. She graduated Erwin Technical Center in Tampa, Florida, in 1998 and immediately began working for Joy Hayes & Associates in the 5th Circuit. Her professional experience includes working as both a contract official and a freelance reporter for 21 years in the West Central Florida area, and she is currently employed as an Official Court Reporter with the 8th Circuit. Tiffany has held the designation of RPR since 1999, and FPR since 2006. She is a member of both NCRA and FCRA. In 2017, she completed the Caption Masters Training Course to improve her realtime skills and further her professional education. She has served as Northern Director of FCRA for two years. She also currently serves on the Government Relations, Courts, and Bylaws committees with FCRA. Her interests include reading, crafting, and spending time with friends and family.

#### **Nik Wallenda**

With 11 Guinness World Records and a list of never-before-seen death defying feats, Nik Wallenda has written his name in history as truly the "King of the High Wire". Nik has performed live in every state in the USA and all over the world. He has garnered the support from tens of millions of live viewers in network television specials on ABC, The Discovery Channel and others. From crossing the Grand Canyon and Niagra Falls to walking blindfolded between two towers in Chicago, Nik personifies the Wallenda Family legacy of "Never Giving Up" and has time and time again proven that "Fear is a Liar".

#### **Katiana Walton**

Katiana Walton has been freelancing as a court reporter since the spring of 2008. In spring 2008, she joined social media under the handle Lady Steno and began sharing her love and wealth of ideas and information with the stenography community. Due to her evergrowing desire to write realtime and shorten her writing, she left for Houston, Texas, in 2013 to attend the Mark Kislingbury Academy. Since 2014, Katiana has been providing realtime for legal and CART proceedings. In March 2020, Katiana launched the StenoKey Learning Center Pilot Program. The curriculum she designed is projected to get students from 0 to 225 in under 18 months.

#### **Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC**

Dave Wenhold has 20 years of executive leadership experience working with nonprofits, trade associations, Congress, and government agencies. Besides his expertise and experience in association management, he is also one of the top lobbyists in Washington, D.C., and was recently recognized as such by Association Trends as well as being named the 2013 Government Relations Professional of the Year by the American League of Lobbyists. He holds the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation from the American Society of Association Executives, as well as the Professional Lobbying Certificate (PLC) from the American League of Lobbyists and is a frequent presenter at these and other industry group events. Dave is a Past President of the American League of Lobbyists and has appeared on CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC discussing lobbying. Dave is often utilized as the "go-to" resource by media outlets such as AP, The National Journal, The Hill, Roll Call, USAToday, Washington Post, Washington Times, and numerous other publications. Dave served on the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Future Leaders Board, as well as being a long- term veteran for the

ASAE's Government Relations Board. He also was selected as one of ASAE's Future Leaders of America. Dave is currently the Executive Director of the National Court Reporters Association. Dave also volunteers for Americans in need and created a charity in Washington called the Capitol PurSue Drive. For his philanthropic efforts, the President of the United States awarded Dave the "Call to Service" award, which is the country's highest award for citizen volunteerism. Dave was the first lobbyist to ever receive this award.