

Career Options for Houston Court Reporters

[Houston Court reporters](#) have a wide range of career options and employment opportunities in Texas to choose from, and not all of them involve actually being in court. Stenographer jobs encompass a wide range of industries and offer a plethora of different work environments, pay scales and job perks.

Breaking Down the Court Reporting Options

Court reporters can choose to provide their [litigation support](#) services as a freelance court reporter. This provides a lot of flexibility in scheduling, but can limit the amount of money they make, due to fluctuations in workload. Since a large number of freelance [court reporting](#) professionals get paid by the page, a highly skilled - and self-motivated - court reporter can arrange enough jobs to earn a very solid salary. If the wide-open world of freelancing isn't appealing, the court reporter can choose to take [depositions](#) for a larger litigation services firm, thereby ensuring a more stable salary structure and workload.

Considering Life Outside of the Courtroom

A court reporter who has just graduated from their vocational training can choose from a number of stenography-based career fields, including but not limited to:

* CART Reporter - Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) reporters work with hearing-impaired students, as well as people who are learning English as a second language. They are usually required to caption high school and college classes and provide transcripts at the end of each session. Many CART reporters also work with the closed captioning of television programs and are considered to be "broadcast captioners." For [Houston court reporting](#) professionals with aspirations of working in the education or entertainment fields, this position can be a very good launching point.

* Medical Transcriptionist - Court reporters who wish to enter the medical field often start out as entry level medical transcriptionists. While there are some specialized equipment and training that goes into this position, it is still often used as a "getting started" point for those looking to develop their stenography skills.

Organizations That Can Help

There are many official organizations that have been established to help court reporters and other stenographic professionals find employment, continue their education and receive new certifications and many more industry-related services. Becoming a member of these organizations can ensure that the court reporter remains on the cutting edge of industry technology and is constantly kept apprised on new positions available that match their job skills. A few of the organizations a court reporter should become familiar with are:

- The [National Court Reporters Association](#) (NCRA): The top organization for court reporters, the NCRA offers a continuously-updated classifieds section. These classified listings include freelance work and permanent [litigation services](#) jobs in the USA, plus a number of positions overseas.
- The [US Court Reporters Association](#) (USCRA): For federal court reporters looking for openings, the USCRA is a good place to start. Upon joining the organization, a court reporter has access to an extremely wide range of job listings.
- The [American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers](#) (AAERT): This industry organization lists career opportunities in both government and private companies.

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- The [National Verbatim Reporters Association](#) (NVRA): The NVRA is another professional group that provides updated classified ads for court reporter and other transcriptionist positions.

Regardless of which area of transcription a [Houston court reporter](#) chooses, remember to always keep up with the most current equipment and training for your field. By keeping ahead of the technology curve, a court reporter can be certain that they remain qualified for any new openings that may pop up, regardless of what that position may be.

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