

USCRA 2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Schedule of Events

October 6 – 8, 2023

Embassy Suites, Downtown Louisville, Kentucky

CEUs

Friday = .15 / Saturday = 0.60 / Sunday = 0.25

Total CEUs = 1.0, NCRA approved

Friday, October 6, 2023

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	USCRA Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 P.M.	The Honorable John R. Tunheim Realtime Speed Contest Anne Bowline, RMR, CRR
5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	<u>Seminar 1:</u> Nikki Peters, RMR, CRR, CRC - FOCR Trivia Kick off the convention with an educational and entertaining competition with questions about things federal officials should know.

Saturday, October 7, 2023

7:15 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.	Federal Certified Realtime Reporter Examination Anne Bowline, RMR, CRR
9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.	<u>Seminar 2:</u> Keynote Speaker Austin Hatch - Grit and Thriving in the Midst of Adversity Austin Hatch survived not one, but two plane crashes which claimed the lives of his entire nuclear family. He will share his story of resilience and how he overcame adversity through positivity and perseverance. His story will inspire you to want to live a better life.
10:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.	Break
10:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.	<u>Seminar 3:</u> Jo Ellen Lawless, AUSA, Western District of Kentucky “A view from the front-row seat to three crises on display in federal courts: one, drugs; two, violent crime; and, three, sexual exploitation of children. Where’s the ctrl/alt/delete button when you need it?”

Ms. Lawless will discuss developing trends in the three areas of criminal prosecutions referenced above. She will address how investigations, charging decisions, evidence presentation, and the focus on victims' rights have evolved over the past several years. She will also tackle the issue of vicarious trauma and how all of us who work in the federal court system are impacted by the things we see, hear, and experience in our daily and professional lives.

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| 11:15 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | Annual Meeting of the Members |
| 11:30 A.M. – 12:45 P.M. | Lunch |
| 12:45 P.M. – 1:45 P.M. | <u>Seminar 4: Chauncey Bratt, AUSA, MDfL: KleptoCapture Task Force, OFAC, and IEEPA</u>
International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). Mr. Bratt will cover the IEEPA Act itself, the conduct it prohibits, and information about the process by which entities are sanctioned by the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC), notable categories of individuals who have been sanctioned, and challenges that arise in developing sufficient evidence for IEEPA charges, and the challenges that can arise in extraditing individuals located overseas who are charged with IEEPA violations. |
| 1:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Break |
| 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. | <u>Seminar 5: David Smith, Supervisory IT Security Specialist, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Cybersecurity Safety</u>
Mr. Smith will discuss various cybersecurity topics to include: dangers and security issues with the use of home technology such as doorbell cameras, interior surveillance systems, and Amazon products that respond to voice prompts; recent trends in the types of phishing efforts the judiciary has encountered and generalized statistics about how many intrusions are encountered regularly; best practices for logging in/uploading documents when traveling; best practices for backing up and storing data. |
| 3:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. | Break |

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Seminar 6: Traci Mertens, RMR, CRR, CRC, Intersteno and The Differences in Competing at the State, National, and International Level

Traci will discuss her experience competing at the Intersteno competition in the Netherlands as well as at the state and national levels, how she prepares, and tips and tricks for competing.

4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.

Seminar 7: Rebekah Lockwood, RDR, CRR - Steno Swap

Learn how to write faster by writing shorter in this interactive session full of suggested brief forms and phrases.

Sunday, October 8, 2023

7:15 A.M.

Race Scriptors Run/Walk

9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Seminar 8: AUSA Michelle Spaven and Det. (Ret.) Elizabeth Bascom, Trial Presentation in Child Victim Cases

Detective (Ret.) Elizabeth Bascom, Tallahassee Police Department, and Michelle Spaven, First Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, have successfully prosecuted over twenty federal criminal cases in the fight against child exploitation and human trafficking. Statistics showing the prevalence of sex trafficking of minors are staggering. Children are preyed upon online and within local communities. Trial preparation and presentation are key to effectively conveying sensitive exhibits, slang terms, and victim testimony. Collaboration with court reporters before, during, and after trial is a crucial part of that process.

10:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

Break

10:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Seminar 9: USCRA Panel - Issues Facing Federal Reporters

USCRA members Jana McKinney, Sonja Reeves, Sarah Nageotte, JoAnn Corson, and Brenda Fauber will make up a panel that will provide an educational presentation about issues facing federal official court reporters, including federal court governance, court reporter responsibilities, Administrative Office policies, and Court Reporter Advisory Group initiatives. The presentation will highlight portions from the Administrative Office Guide to Judiciary Policy.