

**Newly Licensed Certified Shorthand Reporters***October 11, 2016 – October 18, 2017*

The Court Reporters Board of California is pleased to welcome the following people to the roles of licensed California court reporters:

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Chelsea Butler, Irvine, CSR 14231  
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Monice Campbell, Park City, UT, CSR 14171  
Christina Carriaga, Walnut, CSR 14223  
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Samantha Hise, Folsom, CSR 14238  
Kaitlin Holland, Kernville, CSR 14198  
Kaitlyn Houston, Yuba City, CSR 14170  
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Matthew Schuerger, Lincoln, CSR 14210

## CSR Spotlight

*"Complete tasks using your skills to the fullest!"* That's the philosophy behind Elizabeth Lee's nearly 35-year career in court reporting. She knew she would have to work hard to achieve her goals to become a licensed court reporter, which she did in 1982.

Liz attended City College of San Francisco and then transferred to Bay Area Institute of Reporting when she attained a speed of 200 words per minute. While still in school, she worked part-time at a deposition firm where she learned new legal terms and the ins and outs of how a deposition office is run, including how to calendar depositions and hearings.



She remembers her first deposition, where the attorneys questioned if she was old enough to be a licensed reporter. She not only confirmed that she was indeed licensed, but went on to prove her abilities by providing a number of flawless readbacks from her paper notes. She earned the trust of those attorneys and began building her clientele.

Her entire career has been as a freelance reporter. She owns a small firm in the San Francisco Bay Area where she finds the most rewarding work in reporting depositions for the Justice and Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco. These cases involve low-income litigants represented by pro bono attorneys. Funding for the transcripts of these pro bono matters is often provided by the Transcript Reimbursement Fund. *Liz recently received an outstanding volunteer award from the Justice and Diversity Center.*

Liz admits to being slow to keep up with technology, referring to herself as "old school." She remembers the days of dictating her paper notes with a dictation machine and having a typist prepare the transcript – a process that could take a month. But she bravely bought a paperless machine about a year ago and loves it! She has been embracing technology in so many ways over the years and believes the software has given reporters the opportunity to more easily produce transcripts.

Looking to the future, she sees a need for more captioners and CART reporters. And although there is no shortage of work, there is a shortage of reporters. *She urges current students to be ready to work hard be dedicated and self-motivated.* Additionally, students should take advantage of classes, seminars, and activities offered by the industry. "There is a wealth of information to be learned by staying updated and networking," she added. Mentoring programs are another way to learn on the job, working side-by-side with a working reporter.

Although Liz enjoys activities outside of work, such as knitting and travelling, she looks forward to the challenges each new job brings. Meeting new people, hearing new cases, and learning new subject matter are among the rewards of such a rich career. Looking back at her career, Liz shared that she has learned so much from the various cases she has reported. "I've met experts in the field of science, business, medicine, and even sports," she shared. "Court reporters are very lucky to be able to hear and report the various cases before them and absorb all this knowledge."

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