



## HAWAII COURT REPORTERS & CAPTIONERS ASSOCIATION

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### **BENEFITS OF JOINING HCRCA**

1. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Court reporters are highly skilled individuals, and we are often taken for granted. We are professionals, and membership in professional organizations raises our stature in the professional environment. United together as a strong organization with increasing numbers, we can keep others informed about how much we really can do and be more of a presence in educating the legal community and others about the benefits of using skilled reporters.
2. **SOCIALIZATION:** We are fairly isolated when performing our jobs. Participating in an association fosters personal interaction with our peers. Seminars, meetings, committees, etc., become great venues for problem-solving, discussing the issues we face as reporters, and exploring ideas to address them. We can glean valuable information from the experiences of others by developing a network of professional contacts. Our association is a place where we can go for information and answers about any problems that arise. We're here to support each other and share our knowledge and experience so we can all become better reporters.
3. **EARN CEUs:** As highly skilled professionals, continuing education is a must. It is not merely a matter of gathering enough points to maintain our licenses. The nature of our profession requires that we know more than a little about many diverse areas. The more familiarity we have with subject matter and technology, the more proficient we are as court reporters. As an added benefit, it has been demonstrated that, as we age, those of us who keep our minds active through learning fare better than those who don't.
4. **IMPACT LEGISLATION:** HCRCA is the professional organization for court reporters in the sate of Hawai'i and keeps abreast of codes, regulations, procedures and practices that directly impact us professionally, seeking to defend our position in the legal community.