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## President's Message

Aloha fellow reporters! Your new Board is proud to announce our first "Brown Bag" seminar at the Honolulu Academy of Arts and tour of Shangri La. Kudos to Valerie Swiderski for putting this together. It is our goal to make our "brown baggers" a quarterly event to help you acquire your necessary points with as many opportunities as possible. Lunch will be included at the very tasty Pavilion Café. We hope you all can join us for lunch and points. Kurt Faut, Kathy Pearson, and Beth Kelly are working on "brown baggers" for their respective Big Island and Maui locations.

Since our last newsletter your Board has been hard at work exchanging ideas and information to serve you better. The questionnaires have been returned and are being worked on by our committee to assess your valuable input and address your concerns as best we can.

In the event you haven't heard, there is a rules change proposal of Rule 2 of the Rules Governing Court Reporting in Hawai`i. This proposed rules change may directly affect you, and if it doesn't, it surely has an effect on our profession. Please log on to the Judiciary site and make your comments in support of our profession. The Board does not approve of this proposed change. Up until now, all circuit court records made by tape have had to be transcribed under the direction and control of a Hawai`i CSR. The proposed rule allows the tapes to be transcribed by anyone. Your Association Board feels this is just another step in the process of replacing court reporters with sound recording. Please read the Legislative Update on Page 5 and log on to the Judiciary website to make your comments. We need your support.

In our last newsletter there was a legislative update regarding a new law in California placing the responsibility for payment of reporting services on the attorney who orders or requests services. Is there anyone out there who is knowledgeable of our state legislature and would be willing to head a committee to get a similar law passed for Hawaii?

*Lou Carnazzo, 2007-2008 President, HCRCA*

Judiciary website: [www.courts.state.hi.us](http://www.courts.state.hi.us)

California Court Reporters Association website:  
<http://www.cal-ccra.org>

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## *Honolulu Academy of Arts Academy Highlights and Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art Shangri La Tour*



*Saturday, December 1, 2007*

*10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*With lunch at the Pavilion Café*

*Space is limited to 25 people, so book now!!!*



### *Schedule of Events:*

*10:00 Registration*

*10:15 Academy Highlights Tour*

*11:45 Lunch at the Pavilion Café*

*1:00 Shangri La short film*

*1:30 Depart for Shangri La in air-conditioned Academy van*

*2:00 Shangri La Tour*

*3:30 Return to Academy in air-conditioned van*

*HCRCA Members (Hawaii Residents).....\$50.00*

*Non Members and out-of-state guests.....\$60.00*

*.3 CEUs (price includes lunch)*

*Join HCRCA Now!! Nonmembers \$70 (Consolidated fee for October 2007 through December 2008)*

*Present 2007 Members — \$55 (Valid through December 2008) (\$65 after January 31, 2008)*



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*DID YOU KNOW...*

*... Ounce for ounce, calorie for calorie, almonds hold the most densely packed nutritional value of all other nuts? Therefore, you get the most nutrition possible for the calories you consume when you eat almonds. (We're talking plain almonds, not the greasy, salty, or sugary kind.)*

*... One ounce, approximately 23 almonds, contains 164 calories and is an excellent source of fiber.*

*... One ounce of almonds provides 35% of the Recommended Daily Allowance of vitamin E, a valuable antioxidant.*

*... Almonds contain monounsaturated fat, protein, potassium, calcium, phosphorus, iron, and magnesium.*

*... Almonds are heart healthy. A study published by the American Heart Association demonstrated that men and women who ate one ounce of almonds every day for one month lowered their LDL cholesterol by 4.4 percent, and those who ate two ounces of almonds per day for one month decreased their LDL cholesterol by 9.4 percent!*

*... The American Medical Association recently reported that eating nuts five or more times per week may help prevent type 2 diabetes in women. The AMA has also indicated that increased amounts of vitamin E and vitamin C may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's.*

*... Incorporating almonds into a daily low-calorie diet improves weight loss when compared to a low-calorie, low-fat diet, according to a 2003 article in the *International Journal of Obesity*.*

*... The monounsaturated fat in almonds helps satisfy the appetite and can prevent overeating.*

*So keep a stash of almonds handy to stave off hunger during those marathon sessions when the examining attorney has "just one more question." You'll be glad you did.*

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...****Rules for Keeping Court Reporters Happy**

1. Rush through the door at the last minute and start proceedings without introducing yourself. Everyone knows an important person like you anyway and appreciates that you were able to show up at all.
2. Don't bother to enunciate clearly or project your voice. Reporters can read your lips. They especially like it if you mumble when reading from documents. It's good for their ego, as it makes them feel multi-lingual.
3. For similar reasons, always remember to start speaking the moment the reporter begins marking exhibits, changing paper, etc., as it makes her feel ambidextrous.
4. Talk as fast as you can, preferably out-shouting the other lawyers. This makes you seem even more important than you really are.
5. Ignore the reporter when she asks you to repeat or spell a name. If you know what you said then she should too.
6. Do not aggravate the reporter by asking if she needs a break or a drink of water. These things are not necessities since reporting duties are mostly automatic, similar to the functions of a robot.
7. Never consult the reporter when deciding to work late into the night. She will be insulted if you thought she had any family or social life commitments other than working for you.
8. Don't mistake the reporter's lifeless gaze as an indication of boredom. She is actually deeply absorbed by the intricacies of your 10-minute hypothetical.
9. Please spend a lot of time off the record telling war stories. Your tales are fascinating. In fact, you should write a book. No one thinks you're wasting time.
10. If the reporter bolts for the door as soon as the deposition is over, she is simply eager to get home and relive the experience while transcribing and proofreading your words.
11. Read extensive medical reports into the record at breakneck speeds while mumbling over the unimportant parts. This gives the reporter an invigorating workout. To enhance the effect, do not identify the reports as exhibits.
12. There is no need to waste your time calling the reporter when a deposition is cancelled. She will appreciate the opportunity of visiting your office and then having the rest of the day off. Hey no work, no pay, who cares?
13. After the deposition is over, always spend some time trying to persuade the reporter that your client is right and that your adversary is a no good S.O.B. Everyone knows that once the reporter is in your corner, your case is as good as won.
14. Since the reporter is so anxious for you to win your case, she would prefer you take as long as possible to pay your bill. In fact, she would be insulted if you paid her bill in less than six months.

~ Anonymous

## Legislative Update

We all recently received a letter from the CSR Board regarding a proposed change to Rule 2(b) of the Rules Governing Court Reporting in the State of Hawai`i. The proposed amendment would allow any employee to be assigned the task of preparing and certifying transcripts of recorded court proceedings where a court reporter was not present. The proposed change, if adopted, would become *effective July 1, 2008*. The proposed amendment is quoted below for your review.

The CSR Board has asked that comments regarding the proposed rules be submitted in writing **no later than Monday, December 31, 2007** in the following ways:

**BY MAIL:**

Judiciary Public Affairs Office  
417 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

**BY FAX:** 539-4801

**ON LINE:** [www.courts.state.hi.us](http://www.courts.state.hi.us) (Use the online form.)

“PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
RULES GOVERNING COURT REPORTING IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
(Deleted material is bracketed and stricken; new material is underlined.)”

“Rule 2. CERTIFICATION OF COURT REPORTERS.

(b) Unless specifically exempted by order of the supreme court, no verbatim transcripts [~~or recording~~] of any trial or judicial proceeding in any of the courts of the State of Hawai`i to which a court reporter was assigned and present, nor any transcripts or recordings of any oral depositions taken in Hawai`i, for use in the courts of this state, shall be accepted for filing unless signed and certified by a Hawai`i certified shorthand reporter. Transcripts of recorded court proceedings for which a court reporter was not present may be prepared and certified by any employee assigned to that task. Fees for transcripts prepared by employees other than certified court reporters shall be charged at the rate for copies of other court documents and paid to the general fund and not in accordance with Rule 19 of these rules.”

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