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## **President's Message**

Dear Members:

Aloha to all of you. Our recent Annual Meeting and Seminar held on May 16-17 was well attended, complimented by great presenters with interesting topics. Dr. Kane's presentation on total knee replacement was so convincing, I decided to have him do my right knee, which happened on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and I am presently recovering from that. The Sunday session held at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island was great educational experience for those attending. Those who missed it may want go on your own, as it is well worth the experience.

Our new slate of officers for fiscal year '09-'10 are:

President – Lou Carnazzo

Vice President and President Elect – Sharon Mujtabaa

Secretary – Jessica Perry

Treasurer – Madeline Gable

Official Directors – Gloria Bediamol and Beth Kelly

Freelance Directors – Laurie Savo and Sharon Ross

This is my third straight term serving as your president, and as you can see, we now have a "President Elect," which is great, as I'm sure you are all tired of me by now. I can't emphasize how important it is to have new blood in our association to revitalize us, bring in new ideas, and keep us fresh.

Additionally, we have added one more Official Director and Freelance Director as Board positions creating overlapping terms of office as a means of providing our Board with a certain amount of continuity. There will now be one Official Director and one Freelance Director serving a one-year term and one of each serving a two-year term. In the past we've experienced a totally new board elected at our annual meeting, depriving them of the knowledge of programs and initiatives already in progress, which kind of put them in the position of reinventing the wheel each year. This should solve that problem.

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*President's Message*  
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We have also created a board position entitled Website/Newsletter Manager, and Valerie Swiderski has been installed as this officer which carries with it voting rights. Valerie created our website and also produces our newsletter. She has been doing a fantastic job. There are important links, and also Valerie has created a Master Calendar showing important dates and events. Go to **[hawaiicourtreportersassociation.com](http://hawaiicourtreportersassociation.com)** and check it out.

Bringing you up to speed on what's happening, let me first address the administration-of-oath issue. We were informed by the Supreme Court that this would need to be presented to the legislature, and we intend to pursue just that. Kathy Eismann has agreed to chair this responsibility. Don't be surprised if she asks one or more of you to be on her committee.

The other item previously mentioned - holding attorneys responsible for court reporting bills - is currently being discussed by the Board whether to approach the legislature for action. Any comments pro or con by you can be emailed to me at [lcarnazzo@carnazzo.com](mailto:lcarnazzo@carnazzo.com) so they can be shared with the Board.

Our next brown-bagger seminar is on Maui and should prove to be great. First session is a trip to the Kaheawa Wind Farm operated by First Wind Hawaii, followed by an informative session presented by Chris Corcoran, owner of Iwado Reporters. And kudos to Chris for putting this brown bagger together. Getting the Wind Farm event to become a reality was entirely through his perseverance. Many mahalos, Chris.

Aloha,  
Lou Carnazzo

**VISIT HCRCA's website:** [www.hawaiicourtreportersassociation.com](http://www.hawaiicourtreportersassociation.com)

**HCRCA suggests a visit to the following websites:**

**Our Official Website:**

<http://www.hawaiicourtreportersassociation.com>

National Court Reporters Association <http://www.ncraonline.org/>

California Deposition Reporters Association <http://www.caldra.org/>

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



## Tech Savvy

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HCRCA would like to thank Madeline Gable for the following material.

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### Stentura Diskette Information

- Maxell high density/2HC diskettes are recommended by Stenograph as the best type of diskettes to be used in Stentura writing units. Diskettes are to be formatted by the writer before using. Use Full Format, not Smart Format.
- Sony diskettes are questionable.
- Memorex diskettes encounter problems.
- Verbatim diskettes have definite problems.
- Datalife diskettes are questionable.
- Imation diskettes have definite problems.
- Diskettes with metal shutter are not to be used due to shutters getting stuck inside the drive at times.

We hope this information makes life easier for those of you using Stentura writers.

# Available Soon!

Advertise with HCRC  
in Ho`omua  
and on our website

For details, contact our webmaster and newsletter editor Valerie Mariano Swiderski at [valerie.swiderski@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.swiderski@gmail.com).

*This space could be yours!*

# NOTARY UPDATE

*Contributed By Madeline Gable*



Some changes to the notary rules in the state of Hawai`i were adopted on 5/5/2008 and were put into effect on 1/1/09. There seems to be a lot of confusion about the changes. Here's some clarification:

1. All notaries need to obtain a new official notary stamp or seal with their commission date inscribed on it. (See sample above.) Your commission number is found on the bottom right of your notary certificate from the Attorney General's office.
2. HRS 456-4 requires that each notary file an impression of their new stamp/seal with the Circuit Court Clerk where the notary resides.
3. All notaries also need to mail or hand-deliver an impression of the new stamp/seal to the Department of the Attorney General, Notary Public Office, 425 Queen Street, Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813, for their files.

When submitting the impression of your new seal to the AG's office, you need to include the date you began using the new stamp/seal. I used the date I purchased it from Aloha Stamp, and all was well.

*If you notarize ONLY oral depositions, this is all you are required to do.*

4. If you notarize any other legal document (e.g., written interrogatories, living will, power of attorney, deed, etc.), you need to order an additional stamp. This stamp is a safeguard against switching or adding/deleting pages and includes a description of the document and the page count. They are very strict about this!! Here's a sample of the stamp:

Document Date: _____	# Pages: _____	
Name: _____	First Circuit	
Doc. Description: _____		
_____		
Signature _____	Date _____	

Leave a space on the rectangular stamp to add your round stamp/seal.

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact [ATG.notary@hawaii.gov](mailto:ATG.notary@hawaii.gov) or call (808) 586-1180.

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**MAUI BROWN BAG SEMINAR  
KAHEAWA WIND FARM**

**Saturday, August 29, 2009**

**Earn .4 CEUs**



Visit the Kaheawa website <http://www.kaheawa.com/kwp/> to view video clips

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**9:30 am - Registration** at Maalaea Harbor parking lot at far end near Carl's Jr.

**10:00 am – 12:30 pm (Group 1) and 12:30 am – 2:00 pm (Group 2) .25 CEU**

A docent-led tour by Noe Kalipi of Kaheawa Wind Facility, operated by First Wind Hawaii, a 30-megawatt wind farm located in the West Maui Mountains exhibiting state-of-the-art technology in alternative energy.

*\*\*\*This session is limited to 22 people (11 per group), so book now\*\*\**

**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm .15 CEU**

Presentation by Chris Corcoran of Iwado Court Reporters detailing how law firms use reporters' work in this new age of technology, software applications being used in law firms, as well as litigation trends and options. 2233 W. Vineyard St., Suite A, Wailuku, HI 96793

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## HCRCA CLASSIFIEDS

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**POSITION WANTED:** Scopist Extraordinaire! Do you write perfect notes? Do you have zero untranslates, including chemical formulas? Do you have three finger-spelling alphabets? If you do, you don't need me...but if you don't, I'm available! Recently retired reporter with 30 years' experience in Hawaii wants to scope so you can reclaim your life. Case Catalyst software. Quick, accurate turnarounds a specialty. Call Madeline at (808) 226-6971 or e-mail at [mgable@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mgable@hawaii.rr.com).

**POSITION WANTED:** Scopist available. Seven years' experience. Finished court reporting school and qualified for the CSR. Will scope up to 20 pages to show quality of work and quote accurate page rate. Contact K. Tolbert [stenocatscopist@cox.net](mailto:stenocatscopist@cox.net) or visit <http://www.angelfire.com/pro/scoping>

**POSITION WANTED:** Fifteen-year veteran RPR and Hawai'i and California CSR seeks work as scopist due to repetitive stress injury. Specializes in medical/technical testimony. Excellent referrals upon request. Uses Case Catalyst. Contact [valerie.swiderski@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.swiderski@gmail.com)

**New! POSITION WANTED:** SeniorScoping: StenoCAT 32. Full audio with InSync. \$.90 page rate with discounts available. Thorough research, results sent to you with completed job. References available. [seniorscoping@gmail.com](mailto:seniorscoping@gmail.com).

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** Freelance reporter position available. Realtime capable preferred Carnazzo Court Reporting Company. Contact [lcarnazzo@carnazzo.com](mailto:lcarnazzo@carnazzo.com)

**New! EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:** 2 Sony cassette tape recorders with auto reverse and 2 speeds for recording with power cord; 1 Sony external microphone for recording; all equipment in good working condition. Asking \$150 for all three. Contact Priscilla: (808) 381-9045 or [pelekila@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:pelekila@hawaii.rr.com)

**EQUIPMENT FOR FREE!!:** Paper tray for Stenura 8000 - FREE. contact Jean at [mcmanusj003@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mcmanusj003@hawaii.rr.com).

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:** Used *SmartWriter*, product # 23113, with tripod, soft canvas carrying case, new batteries, ink, charger, manual, paper tray, 3 floppies. Works fine. Weighs 17 lbs. \$550 OBO. Same model sells for \$895 elsewhere. Photos sent on request. Calculate shipping from zip 92084. San Diego area, available for pick-up or shipping (u-pay). Contact Cara Friemann at (760) 726-7656 or [cmf244@nyu.edu](mailto:cmf244@nyu.edu) Serious enquiries only!!

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:** Case of 33 sealed unnumbered *Pengad recycled writer paper pads* for \$20. Weighs 29 lbs. Calculate shipping from zip 92084. San Diego area, available for pick-up or shipping (u-pay). For shipping paper, use Media Mail USPS for cheapest cost. Contact Cara Friemann at (760) 726-7656 [cmf244@nyu.edu](mailto:cmf244@nyu.edu) Serious enquiries only!!

**EQUIPMENT WANTED:** I need an older printer with parallel ports that will run through DOS, preferably LaserJet I, II, III, or IV, that will work with TURBOCAT. Contact Vicki Kite at [spiritsong34235@yahoo.com](mailto:spiritsong34235@yahoo.com).

**PER DIEM COURT REPORTERS NEEDED:** U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii. For details please call Debra Chun, Court Reporter Supervisor, at (808) 534-0667. UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF HAWAII, 300 ALA MOANA BLVD. RM. C-338, HONOLULU, HI 96850

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Hawaii CSRs to serve on the HCRCA Board of Directors and special committees. [lcarnazzo@carnazzo.com](mailto:lcarnazzo@carnazzo.com)

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(Scopists, Proofreaders, etc.)

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# Brain Teaser

*Here are the correct answers to last quarter's Brain Teaser in Ho`omua, Spring 2009.*

## IN THE KNOW:

### SITUATION:

An important client comes into your office to have a document notarized. Before he arrives, your boss takes you aside. "Now, this is an important client, and we don't want to upset him," the boss says. "So I don't want you inconveniencing him by asking him for ID or anything." What do you do?

### Answer:

**Respectfully ask the client for ID anyway.**

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## QUIZ QUESTION:

### Social Insecurity

#### A Social Security card:

- a. Is acceptable as a form of signer ID because it's issued by the U.S. government.
- b. Is an acceptable ID if the signer is accompanied by two witnesses.
- c. Can only be used as ID by signers age 65 years or older.
- d. Should never be used to identify a signer.

### Answer:

**The answer is**

- d. Should never be used to identify a signer.

**There is no photo on a Social Security card, and therefore, a positive ID cannot be made.**

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