



# Court Reporter Schools

## Private Schools

### Humphreys University

6650 Inglewood Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95207  
<https://www.humphreys.edu>

### South Coast College

2011 West Chapman Avenue  
Orange, CA 92868  
<https://southcoastcollege.edu>

## Public Schools

### College of Marin

1800 Ignacio Boulevard  
Novato, CA 94949  
<https://academics.marin.edu>

### Cypress College

9200 Valley View  
Cypress, CA 90630  
<https://www.cypresscollege.edu>

### Downey Adult School

12340 Woodruff Avenue  
Downey, CA 90241  
<https://www.das.edu>

### Taft College

5801 East Lerdo Highway  
Shafter, CA 93263  
<https://www.taftcollege.edu>

### Tri Community Adult Education

231 East Stephanie Drive  
Covina, CA 91722  
<https://www.c-vusd.org/Domain/447>

### West Valley Community College

14000 Fruitvale Avenue  
Saratoga, CA 95070  
<https://www.westvalley.edu>



Merced County is located in the Central Valley of California, north of Fresno and southeast of San Jose. It is 1,978 square miles in size and has a population of over 255,793 people.



## Merced Superior Court Locations

### Ogletree (Main) Courthouse

2260 N Street  
Merced, CA 95340

### Merced (Old) Courthouse

627 W. 21st Street  
Merced, CA 95340

### Falasco (Los Banos) Courthouse

1159 G Street  
Los Banos, CA 93635

### Juvenile Division

2840 W. Sandy Mush Road  
Merced, CA 95340

### Traffic Division

720 W. 20th Street  
Merced, CA 95340



# MERCED SUPERIOR COURT



*Court Careers*

## Court Reporter



[www.merced.courts.ca.gov](http://www.merced.courts.ca.gov)

## What is a Court Reporter?

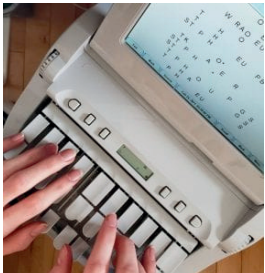
A certified court reporter, court stenographer, or shorthand reporter (CSR) is a highly trained individual whose occupation is to capture the live testimony in proceedings using a stenographic, stenomask or voice writing machine. They produce verbatim transcripts of several types of legal proceedings that can include courtroom hearings, trials, depositions, discoveries, sworn statements, and other settings that go beyond the courtroom.

## What is the difference between Stenography and Voice Writing?

Both stenography and voice writing generate a verbatim record of the proceedings. The difference lies in the method used to capture the record.

Stenography is performed using a compact specialized keyboard that contains only 21 letters.

In voice writing, the reporter wears a steno mask and repeats everything said in the courtroom into the mask.



## Skills, Training & Licensing

Becoming a licensed CSR requires passing a three-part licensing exam, usually after attending a state-approved court-reporting school.

Court reporting schools offer courses in shorthand, machine, and voice writing theory, as well as speed-building classes to prepare students for the state licensing exam. These programs also include instruction in English grammar, punctuation, spelling, and word usage, along with legal and medical terminology, deposition, and court procedures. Education in legal and medical terminology might open up additional career avenues or serve as a foundation for pursuing higher education.

## Career Paths

- Court and deposition reporting; makes a verbatim record of the proceedings.
- Broadcast captioners capture what is being said during live television programs for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers with software that instantly displays speech as text so it can be read immediately. This includes news, emergency broadcasts, sports events, and more.
- The skills gained on the stenotype machine may prepare you for other career options such as:
  - \* Rapid Data Entry
  - \* Paralegal
  - \* Legal Secretary
  - \* Medical Transcribing
  - \* Scoping (computerized editing of transcripts for court reporters)

## Court Reporters: In-Demand

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, demand for court reporters is estimated to increase by 9% by 2029 across the U.S. Due to this demand, court reporters have become highly sought after, commanding high-paying salaries that often come with various incentives.

For example, currently, the annual salary range for the Merced Superior Court Reporters is \$78, 228.80 - \$95, 097.60. Through June 30, 2024, the Court has the following incentives:

- Hiring incentive of up to \$15,000
- Recruitment incentive (for referrals) of up to \$10,000
- Retention incentive of \$10,000
- Technology Stipend

## Resources

**National Court Reporters Association**  
[www.ncraonline.org](http://www.ncraonline.org)  
[www.bestfuture.com](http://www.bestfuture.com)

**California Court Reporters Association**  
[www.cal-ccra.org](http://www.cal-ccra.org)

**California Official Court Reporters Association**  
[www.cocra.org](http://www.cocra.org)

**Deposition Reporters Association of California**  
[www.caldra.org](http://www.caldra.org)

**Court Reporters Board of California**  
[www.courtreportersboard.ca.gov](http://www.courtreportersboard.ca.gov)