



UNITY SUMMIT

Where the Court Reporting Industry Moves Forward



Unity Summit Conference Agenda										
Thursday, 05/14/26								CEUs		
Start Time	End Time	Session #	Title	Description	Speaker/Moderator	AAERT	NCRA	NVRA		
9:00 AM	5:00 PM		User Group Meetings	User Group meetings will feature product demonstrations, training, and company-led sessions open to all attendees, offering an opportunity to explore tools in greater detail, gain hands-on insights, and interact directly with each company's team in a collaborative, small-group setting. For more details regarding the agenda, please contact the company directly.						
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	UG-1	User Group 1 - Advantage Software			0.1/hour	N/A	N/A		
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	UG-2	User Group 2 - REV			0.1/hour	N/A	N/A		
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	UG-3	User Group 3 – Loom Analytics			0.1/hour	N/A	N/A		
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	UG-4	User Group 4 – VoiceScript			0.1/hour	N/A	N/A		
9:00 AM	5:00 PM		NNRC Annual Meeting			N/A	N/A	N/A		
10:00 AM	10:30 AM		User Group Meeting coffee break			N/A	N/A	N/A		
12:00 PM	5:00 PM		AAERT Board Meeting			N/A	N/A	N/A		
12:00 PM	5:00 PM		STAR Board Meeting			N/A	N/A	N/A		
2:00 PM	2:30 PM		User Group Meeting coffee break			N/A	N/A	N/A		
2:00 PM	5:30 PM		Registration			N/A	N/A	N/A		
6:00 PM	11:45 PM		Exhibitor Setup			N/A	N/A	N/A		
6:00 PM	9:00 PM		Opening Reception	Kick off the Unity Summit the right way. Settle in with a generous spread of food, a drink in hand, and the easy energy of a room full of good-natured people. The Opening Reception is the place for regulars to reconnect, newcomers to be welcomed into the fold, and for all to set the tone for a great conference. Your Unity Summit starts here.		N/A	N/A	N/A		

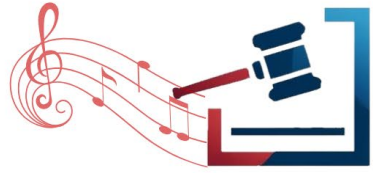


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8:00 AM	5:15 PM		Exhibitor Area			N/A	N/A	N/A	
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	1	Vendor Session ADVANTAGE SOFTWARE "I Identify as a Court Reporter": Protecting the Integrity of the Record	When a realtime-certified reporter is called to cover a capital murder trial remotely, the stakes are extraordinarily high. Amy Armstrong shares her experience reporting multiple death penalty trials for Florida's 10th Judicial Circuit and the realities of managing complex proceedings from a remote seat. Through this firsthand account, she highlights why the skill, judgment, and accountability of a certified human reporter remain essential to protecting the integrity of the official record.	Amy Armstrong	.10	.10	.10	
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	2	Vendor Session DEPOSELY Inside the Litigator's Playbook: How the Deposition Record Shapes Case Strategy	Court reporters capture deposition testimony with precision and neutrality, but its impact extends far beyond the deposition itself. This session explores how attorneys use transcripts and realtime testimony to shape case strategy, from identifying contradictions to preparing witnesses and evaluating settlement positions. Attendees will gain insight into how lawyers analyze transcripts and why the accuracy, structure, and clarity of the record are critical to litigation outcomes.	Mitchell Kossoris Amy Vandamme	.10	.10	.10	
9:30 AM	10:00 AM		Exhibition (Coffee Break)			N/A	N/A	N/A	



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10:00 AM	11:00 AM	3	Vendor Session DraftTheRecord Case Study: Integrating AI-Assisted Tools into a Human-Centered Reporting Workflow	This session explores how Superior Reporting Services integrated AI-assisted tools into its reporting and transcription workflow to expand capacity and improve turnaround times. Attendees will learn how the company shifted transcription staff into scoping-focused roles while maintaining human oversight of accuracy, speaker identification, and terminology. Through this practical case study, the session highlights workflow design, implementation, and lessons learned for agencies and reporting professionals evaluating similar technology-assisted approaches.	Billy Allred Adnan Sherif	.10	N/A	.10	
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	4	AI in the Courts	Courts are navigating an era of rapid technological change, and AI is no longer a distant concept—it's already reshaping how justice systems operate. This session offers a practical introduction to artificial intelligence for court professionals. Attendees will explore real-world applications, address common misconceptions, and get hands-on familiarity with key NCSC resources: the AI Readiness Guide, a role-based learning platform designed for everyone from judges to frontline staff, and the secure NCSC Sandbox for low-risk AI experimentation. Walk away with a clear, actionable framework for identifying where AI can work for your court Session Bonus: In-session Digital Reporter Realtime Demo! Experience realtime from our clients' perspective as live session content is captured and streamed directly to your phone or tablet.	Dr. Diane Robinson	.10	.10	.10	

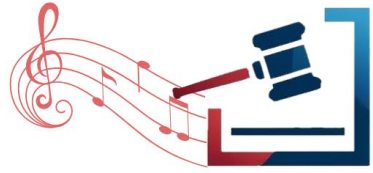


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11:00 AM	11:30 AM		Break			N/A	N/A	N/A	
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	5	Vendor Session VoiceScript Transforming Your Court Reporting Business: How Technology Is Driving Agency Growth, Control, and Profitability	Join Diane Emery, owner of Executive Reporting in Florida, for a candid discussion on how leading agencies are navigating today's rapidly evolving court reporting landscape. This session will address the realities of a changing workforce and evolving client expectations, along with the practical digital strategies agencies are using to compete, grow, and improve profitability. Diane will share real-world insight into how AI-enhanced, end-to-end platforms are enabling agencies to expand service offerings, improve operational efficiency, and deliver higher-value services to clients. A key focus will be the importance of maintaining control of the full record lifecycle — from capture to final transcript delivery — ensuring accuracy, consistency, and long-term value in an increasingly digital and AI-driven market.	Diane Emery Rene Arvin	.10	.10	.10	
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	6	Vendor Session REV Evolving Deposition Workflows: Technology and the Human Professional	As technology evolves, court reporting professionals and legal service providers are adapting how deposition testimony is captured, produced, and delivered. This panel explores how new tools are being integrated into reporting workflows while maintaining the accuracy, reliability, and professional standards required for the official record. Attendees will hear practical perspectives on balancing innovation with proven practices and building sustainable service models in a changing legal landscape.	Moderator: Alyssa Hosseini Panel: Liz Dwyer David Greenblatt Kaci Hardin Ely Cohn	.10	N/A	.10	



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12:30 PM	1:00 PM		Exhibition			N/A	N/A	N/A	
1:00 PM	2:00 PM		Lunch			N/A	N/A	N/A	
2:00 PM	3:30 PM	7	Showcase Session - Capture This: Many Paths to Making The Record	<p>The official record does not exist by accident. It is built deliberately, skillfully, and ethically by professionals whose expertise protects accuracy, preserves impartiality, and ensures trust in the legal process. That responsibility and the professionals who carry it deserve to be illuminated.</p> <p>This engaging, interactive session shines a light on the professionals who make the transcript possible — stenographers, voice writers, digital reporters, transcriptionists, scopists, proofreaders, and legal videographers — and showcases the precision, accountability, and shared standards that safeguard the transcript from capture to certification.</p> <p>In candid conversation, experienced professionals will share the moments that tested their skill, the decisions and professional standards that safeguard the record, and the service mindset that builds trust with attorneys, courts, and the broader legal community, strengthening the justice system we support.</p> <p>By illuminating the professionals behind the transcript, this session celebrates mastery, highlights shared responsibility, and invites attendees to actively shape the future of court reporting with confidence, unity, and purpose.</p>	<p>Andrea Wecker, CSR, RDR, CRR, CRC</p> <p>Panel: Deanna Oaks, RPR Jayne Konkel, CVR, RCP-M Adam Wallin Kristina Tan, CCR James Cogswell, CER, CLVS Tori Lawton, CDR, CER, CET</p>	.15	.15	.15	



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3:30 PM	4:00 PM		Exhibition (snacks)			N/A	N/A	N/A	
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	8	Court Reporting Through the Decades	Take a trip through time with this engaging look at the evolution of court reporting. This session explores the tools, workflows, and practices that reporters relied on in earlier decades, long before today's technology transformed the profession. Through stories and examples, attendees will see how those methods shaped the standards, skills, and traditions that continue to define the profession today.	Jen Krueger Kelly Moranz Kolleen Barnes Sara Giammanco Andi Hapeman Hill Freya Amis	.10	.10	.10	
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	9	Navigating Today's Legal Video Landscape	Inconsistent practices among legal videographers can create challenges for reporters, agencies, and attorneys who rely on clear, reliable video records. This session explores how the legal videography field is evolving and what professionals should know when selecting, scheduling, or working alongside a videographer. Attendees will also learn about emerging efforts to strengthen education, standards, and professional development within the field, and how a better understanding of legal videography can benefit both practitioners and the clients they serve.	Tim Falk	.10	.10	.10	
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9:00 AM	10:00 AM	10	The Business of You: Treating Yourself Like a Brand	This session highlights how reporters have used creativity and marketing skills to grow their client base. Attendees will hear real-world examples of effective strategies, from business cards and promotional materials to social media and online presence. The session offers practical insights reporters can apply to build visibility, attract clients, and strengthen their professional brand.	Moderator: Anna Brown Panel: Sara Giammanco Ginger Brooks Shaylah Kiser	.10	.10	.10	
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11	Creating the Record Today: Professionals, Technology, and the Path Forward	The creation of the official record relies on the skill and judgment of trained professionals, even as new technologies and workflows reshape how testimony is captured and used. This panel brings together leaders from reporting, transcription, legal services, and technology to explore how the record is created today. Panelists will discuss how professionals and technology work together, how workflows are evolving, and what steps the profession can take to keep the record accurate, trusted, and defensible in a changing legal landscape. Session Bonus: In-session Stenographer Realtime Demo! Experience realtime from our clients' perspective as live session content is captured and streamed directly to your phone or tablet.	Moderator: Matt Riley Panelist: Mona Datt Avi Stadler Vickie Wiechec Susan LaPooh	.10	N/A	.10	
10:00 AM	10:30 AM		Exhibition (snacks)			N/A	N/A	N/A	



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10:30 AM	11:30 AM	12	Partnering for Success: What Agencies and Providers Value Most	Join this candid, interactive session exploring how agencies and service providers can build stronger, more rewarding partnerships. Attendees will learn what top talent looks for in assignments, what keeps them engaged, and how agencies decide who receives the most desirable work. Whether you're an agency aiming to attract exceptional professionals or a provider seeking to rise to the top of the call list, you'll gain practical insights to become a preferred choice.	Ben Jaffe Deanna Oaks	.10	.10	.10	
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	13	Work Smarter, Not Harder: A Showcase of Apps and Hacks for Court Reporters and Transcribers	Feeling overwhelmed by an endless to-do list? Learn how to leverage smart technology to declutter your workflow, reduce mental fatigue, and finally make your tools work for you, not the other way around. Session Bonus: In-session Voice Writer Realtime Demo! Experience realtime from our clients' perspective as live session content is captured and streamed directly to your phone or tablet.	Michael Duffy Emily Rivera	.10	.10	.10	
11:30 AM	11:45 AM		Exhibition			N/A	N/A	N/A	



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11:45 AM	12:45 PM		AAERT/STAR Leadership Townhall Meeting	The presidents of STAR and AAERT come together in this open forum to mark a defining moment for the court reporting profession. AAERT President Susan LaPooch and STAR President Andrea Wecker will lead a discussion moderated by AAERT Executive Director Matt Riley on the upcoming merger ratification vote, what the merger means for your membership, your certifications and your future, and you'll get the chance to ask questions directly from the floor. This industry belongs to you, so bring your questions and let's build something new together!		N/A	N/A	N/A	
12:45 PM	1:00 PM		Exhibition			N/A	N/A	N/A	
1:00 PM	2:00 PM		Lunch			N/A	N/A	N/A	
2:00 PM	2:30 PM		Exhibition			N/A	N/A	N/A	
2:30 PM	3:30 PM		STAR Annual Membership Meeting	Join fellow STAR members for the organization's Annual Membership Meeting, where leadership will share updates on the year's work, accomplishments, and the road ahead. The meeting will also include the formal member ratification vote on the merger and the formation of CAPTUR.		N/A	N/A	N/A	
3:30 PM	4:30 PM		AAERT Annual Membership Meeting	AAERT's Annual Membership Meeting is an opportunity to connect with fellow members, hear directly from leadership on the organization's progress and priorities, and get the pulse of your professional association. The meeting will also include the formal member ratification vote on the merger and the formation of CAPTUR.		N/A	N/A	N/A	



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6:00 PM	9:00 PM		Music City Social (Ticketed event)	Don't miss the biggest night of the Unity Summit, The Music City Social! Enjoy everything Nashville does best: live music, hearty bites, and your ticket includes your first drink at the bar. Nashville-themed activities round out the evening, but the real draw is the chance to let your hair down and enjoy the warm, supportive atmosphere we've already come to associate with this conference. Saturday night in Music City is guaranteed to be one you'll remember all year!		N/A	N/A	N/A	
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7:30 AM	1:30 PM		Registration			N/A	N/A	N/A	
7:30 AM	12:30 PM		Exhibition			N/A	N/A	N/A	
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	14	Under the Hood: How Speech Recognition Engines Really Work	This session explores modern speech recognition technologies and their role in court reporting and legal transcription workflows. Attendees will learn the key differences between automatic speech recognition systems and speaker-dependent voice models, and how each impacts accuracy, training, and efficiency. The session also compares Dragon and Speechmatics, highlighting performance, customization, and ideal use cases. Participants will gain practical insights on when and how to integrate Speechmatics into existing reporting workflows.	Amy Armstrong	.10	N/A	.10	
9:00 AM	9:30 AM		Exhibition (coffee)			N/A	N/A	N/A	



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9:30 AM	10:30 AM	15	Vendor Session Loom Analytics The Critical Role of Microphone Selection, Audio Path, and Speech-to-Text Accuracy in High-Quality Recording	This session explores how microphone selection, placement, and audio signal flow directly impact both recording quality and downstream speech-to-text accuracy in legal environments. Attendees will learn how background noise, overlapping speakers, and diverse accents compound audio deficiencies into significant transcription errors — and what recording professionals can do at the point of capture to prevent them. Covering depositions, courtrooms, and conference settings, the course connects audio fundamentals to real-world speech automation outcomes through interactive examples and scenario-based analysis, equipping participants with best practices to ensure clear, accurate, and admissible recordings from capture through final transcript.	Ron DaLessio Martin Gruen	.10	.N/A	.10	
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	16	Industry Best Practices: Retention, Storage, and Security	Wondering how long to keep electronic transcripts, audio recordings, or supporting documents? This panel explores records storage rules and practices within the courts, with insights specifically for court reporting. Representatives from agencies, the courts, and independent practitioners will share industry standards, jurisdiction-specific practices, and practical storage methods. The session will also include real-world experiences and a Q&A to address audience questions.	Panel Moderator: Janet Harris, Panelists: Lisa Angel (TN AOC), Sandra Wilson, Sam Mattern Ken Cook	.10	.10	.10	
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10:45 AM	11:45 AM	17	Vendor Session STENOGRAPH Operational Excellence in Transcript Production and Delivery	Reporters and agencies are increasingly asked to deliver transcripts faster while maintaining consistency, accuracy, and strong quality controls. At the same time, workflows are becoming more complex and resources more constrained. This session explores practical approaches to improving the transcript production process from start to finish. Attendees will learn how thoughtful workflow design, clear control points, and simple quality assurance practices can reduce friction, improve visibility across the production process, and create more predictable turnaround times. The discussion will also highlight ways technology-assisted tools and operational metrics can support reporters and production teams in delivering transcripts more efficiently while maintaining the consistency and reliability that clients depend on.	Ashley Springer	.10	.10	.10	
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	18	From Opportunity to Longevity: Building a Career That Lasts	Success today requires more than strong skills. This session covers practical strategies for marketing yourself, interviewing confidently, and building a personal brand that attracts opportunities. Speakers will share tips on standing out to agencies, managing multiple workloads, setting boundaries, and staying organized. Attendees will leave with actionable ideas to strengthen their professional reputation and build a sustainable, successful career.	Panel Moderator: Deanna Oaks Panelists: Susan LaPooh Candice Green James Cogswell, CER, CLVS	.10	.10	.10	
11:45 AM	12:15 PM		Exhibition (heavy snacks)			N/A	N/A	N/A	



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12:15 PM	1:15 PM	19	Owning the Room and Your Role	Everyone faces moments when a single conversation can shape how they and their profession are perceived. In this session, Andrea Wecker, President of STAR, and Matt Riley, Executive Director of AAERT, share strategies for navigating high-pressure interactions with colleagues, clients, and stakeholders. Attendees will learn practical approaches to communicate clearly, stay composed, and reinforce their professionalism. The session provides tips to protect credibility, maintain confidence, and handle unexpected challenges with calm and effectiveness.	Matt Riley Andrea Wecker	.10	.10	.10	
12:15 PM	3:00 PM		Exhibitor Teardown			N/A	N/A	N/A	