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Four Leading State Court Reporter Associations Throw Their Support Behind Project Steno

The Pennsylvania, Florida, and Alabama Court Reporter Associations and the Texas Deposition Reporters Association each pledge at least \$10,000 to become Gold Contributors.

Worcester, MA – Court reporter associations from four states — Pennsylvania, Florida, Alabama, and Texas — have each made a \$10,000 contribution to Project Steno. These are the latest in a progression of high-profile supporters of Project Steno, a new organization that has quickly united the court reporting community and channeled its collective energy to promote the top-priority goal of recruiting and training the next generation of court reporters.

Beyond the significant financial support, the endorsement of four influential state associations provides a high-visibility platform from which to promote the profession to new audiences.

“Nothing we face as a profession is more important than creating awareness of the wonderful opportunities offered by a career in court reporting,” said David Ross, president of the Texas Deposition Reporters Association. “We put out an [appeal to our members](#) for Project Steno and raised \$10,000 in what felt like the blink of an eye.”

“It is in the best interest of all of us to promote our profession,” said Ashley Dickey, president of the Alabama Court Reporters Association, “and right now our focus must be on recruiting the next generation of reporters.”

That sentiment is echoed by the president of the Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association, Susan Kiniry: “This is a significant investment by PCRA members, and we hope our contribution will inspire more state associations to support Project Steno and its efforts to repopulate the ranks of our time-honored profession.”

“We all have a stake in this,” says Lori Bundy, president of the Florida Court Reporters Association. “Whether you are a firm owner, a freelance reporter or an official reporter, the viability of our profession depends on having enough of us to satisfy the demand, and right now demand exceeds supply. We have to fix that.”

About Project Steno

Project Steno is an independent, non-affiliated organization launched in 2017 that relies entirely on financial support from the court reporting community. Its goals are to:

- Promote awareness of stenographic reporting as a career and recruit promising students into the field;

- Partner with stenographic reporting schools and programs to graduate students in two years; and
- Defray education costs by granting tuition assistance to students who are accepted into its program and attend a Project Steno partner program/school.

Project Steno, which has applied for 501(c)3 status, operates entirely on a not-for-profit basis. In January 2018 Project Steno launched its program of tuition assistance and placed its first students in court reporting school. With the manifest enthusiasm of court reporters everywhere, Project Steno will continue to raise funds to promote widespread awareness of our unique profession and create a robust pipeline of students into court reporting schools and graduates into the field. Learn more at www.ProjectSteno.org.

We invite stenographic reporting schools and programs to apply to our [Partner Program](#).

*Project Steno is the trade name of Project to Advance Stenographic Reporting, Inc. Project Steno's purpose is to provide tuition assistance to select students who wish to learn stenographic reporting. Not all applicants will be received into the Project Steno tuition assistance program.