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Project Steno Recipient of Major Financial Support from U.S. Legal Support

U.S. Legal Support, a longtime industry leader in court reporting, has pledged \$50,000 to Project Steno in support of its recruitment and awareness-building initiatives. With their substantial donation to Project Steno, U.S. Legal Support is addressing head-on the urgent need to attract a new generation of students to court reporting. “U.S. Legal’s generous financial support demonstrates their recognition of stenographic court reporters as vital to their ongoing business,” noted Project Steno President Jim DeCrescenzo. “We are grateful for their donation and for the collaborative spirit they have shown.”

“I look forward to continuing to partner with Project Steno as we try to expand and invest in the future of this profession,” said Kellen Smith, U.S. Legal’s President and Chief Financial Officer. “We are excited to move forward and begin discussing further partnering opportunities in support of Project Steno’s high school initiative and Basic Training program.”

Project Steno promotes the stenographic reporting profession through social media and community outreach, with the goal of building a robust pipeline of students into school and graduating them in two years.

“Our goal is straightforward,” DeCrescenzo explains. “We want to repopulate the dwindling ranks of stenographic reporters and captioners in our field. We need to get motivated students into school and graduate them in two years. To do that, we need financial support from the stenographic reporting community.”

About Project Steno

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

- Promote the stenographic reporting profession and recruit promising students;
- Partner with stenographic reporting schools and programs to graduate students in two years;
- Create incentives for students to reach speed milestones through the Merit Awards Program;
- Track performance of students who graduate in two years through data collection and analysis.

Project Steno* holds 501(c)3 status as a charitable organization. It operates entirely on a not-for-profit basis to raise funds to promote widespread awareness of our unique profession and offer financial support to court reporting students. Learn more at <http://ProjectSteno.org>.

*Project Steno is the trade name of Project to Advance Stenographic Reporting, Inc.