

NCRAGR Alert: CalDRA's several yearslong efforts culminate in major win for court reporting community

The Deposition Reporters Association of California (CalDRA) managed to deliver a major legislative victory when the state of California introduced revisions to [Section 8016 to its Business and Professions Code included in the Court Reporters Board \(CRB\) sunset bill](#) (AB 3252). Through a near decade-long effort lobbying members of the California legislature, reporters will now be required to declare their CSR number at the beginning of any deposition, proceeding, or any other matter for transcription if this legislation is enacted.

“Thanks to our legislative team and highly skilled and experienced lobbyist, we have developed a reputation in Sacramento over many years for having a thorough understanding of the law, for making honest representations, and for queuing up realistic and fully researched proposals which make legislators' jobs easier,” said Stephanie Leslie, RPR, CRR, an NCRA member and firm owner who serves as CalDRA's President.

This effort was sparked by CalDRA members who engaged in what Leslie calls “There Oughta be a Law” session at their annual conventions. “We then take those ideas and present them for consideration to our board and legislative committee,” Leslie stated. “We prioritize which ideas are of highest importance and most likely achievable and we build our annual goals around those.”

When it comes to navigating the legislative arena in Sacramento, Leslie credited the power of having state licensure via codified regulations when it comes to safeguarding the court reporting, professional captioning, and legal videography communities. “We are very grateful to still have state licensure intact, which we realize is not the case in many other states, so we will remain vigilant to continuing to safeguard these privileges as best we can for ours and future generations of reporters,” she added.

Per the California Legislative Information website, as of June 20, AB 3252 is scheduled to appear before the [Senate Standing Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development](#) on July 1.

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