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## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT CYNDI TUMLIN

Cyndi has been court reporting since 1987 and is an RPR. After graduating from Gadsden State, she freelanced with Shoemaker & Associates in Huntsville and then as a firm owner of DeKalb Reporting Service for another dozen years. 1999 brought about transition to an official court reporter, serving DeKalb and Cherokee Counties for the next 16 years; then in 2015 transferring to Jackson County serving with the Honorable John H. Graham to present.

Cyndi lives in Rainsville up on beautiful Sand Mountain. She has two adult, married children and five lively grands who call her Lovey 😊. This Lovey gig is truly a little slice of heaven right here on earth. She has served ACRA on two different occasions as District 2 Director, Treasurer, President-Elect, President for two terms, as well as Immediate Past President. Cyndi also serves on the PAC Governing Committee through NCRA, as well as chair of the NCSA Southern Region within NCRA.



## PRESIDENT KAREN STRICKLAND PLANZ

Karen received her degree in court reporting from the Court Reporting Institute of Dallas in 1987. Upon graduation, she moved to Birmingham, Alabama, and started her career with Foshee & Turner. In 1989, Karen moved to Dothan, Alabama, and together her and Stephanie German formed Court Reporting Associates, Inc., in 1991.

In 2006, she began working for the Alabama Office of Courts for Judge Denny Holloway for two years. After which, Judge Butch Binford received his appointment to the bench upon Judge Holloway's retirement in 2008. She continues working for Judge Binford and has now been an official court reporter for 19 years.

Karen has served on the ACRA board in the positions of District 3 Director (2011-2013), Treasurer (2014-2015), President-Elect (2016), President (2017). She has continued to serve on several committees in her commitment to our state association for court reporters.

In her free time, she enjoys gardening, working out, cooking, and spending time with her children and four grandchildren, Brennan (15), Bennett (5), Stetson (4) and Townes (7 months).



## **PRESIDENT-ELECT VICKI CLARK**

I am so honored to be able to serve as President-Elect for ACRA. From being pregnant with our first child and ringing the bell at Prince Institute in 1989, I still love being a court reporter! I freelanced for 10 years and then became an official in 1999. I have had the pleasure of working for two fantastic circuit court judges in Montgomery – Judge Tracy McCooey (1999-2014) and the amazing Judge Greg Griffin (2014 to present). I am so blessed! I have been an RPR for approximately 11 years. Now wife of 35 years to my very supportive husband, Chris, and mom to Ryan (34), Alyssa (25), and Peyton (19), and have two beautiful granddaughters. I have the goal of becoming a CRR one day! Never give up! Always keep trying! Please email or call me anytime! I love discussing our wonderful career!

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## **VICE-PRESIDENT PAULA MORGAN PRICE**

Paula Morgan Price, CCR, RPR, CRR, is a 1987 graduate of Gadsden State School of Court Reporting and is presently working as an official in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Baldwin County for Judge Scott Taylor where she has worked for the last 20 years. Paula worked in freelance in Lafayette, Louisiana; shortly in Atlanta, Georgia; freelance/deputy official in Melbourne, Florida; official in Pensacola, Florida; and came home to Bay Minette in 2004 where she had always dreamed of working.

Paula is married to her high school sweetheart, George, whom she married in 2011. They share their home with two one-year old black goldendoodles, Axel and ZuZu, and a 14-year-old Yorkie-Poo named Ellie. They have two adult children, Tyler and Haley, and four grandchildren who keep them busy. In our spare time, we enjoy the beach and outdoor activities.

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## **TREASURER TRAVIS ATKINS**

I graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1992 with a BS in Marketing. In 1997, I decided to change careers and completed the program in Court Reporting at Faulkner State. I worked as a freelance reporter for nine years with Lois Robinson & Associates and give full credit to Lois and her office manager, Barbara, for teaching me the ropes and training me on how to be a professional reporter. I still depend on Barbara to this day to proof all my transcripts and keep me looking professional!

In 2008, I transitioned to official reporting in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit as a roving court reporter. The Honorable Charlie Graddick hired me as his official reporter in 2013. Upon his retirement in 2018, Judge Sarah Stewart, now Chief Justice Stewart, hired me as her official reporter.

Upon her election to the Supreme Court in 2019, I was hired by the Honorable Wesley Pipes as his reporter. Judge Pipes is currently the Presiding Judge of our circuit, and I find it interesting to be involved in all the

administrative functions that accompany working for the Presiding Judge in a major circuit. It gives you a full perspective of how your circuit operates and I'm very grateful for Judge Pipes allowing me the opportunity to assist him.

My spouse, Jeff, and I have been together for 33 years and love to travel internationally. We have one rescue dog, Lily Grace, who is 13 years old. We live on the Mardi Gras parade route in Mobile, and Lily Grace enjoys the parades and parties as much as we do.

I have served on the Board since 2024 as District 4 Director, Secretary, and now Treasurer. Every time we have a meeting, I learn something new from other Board members and it's been wonderful to continue learning about my career by volunteering in the ACRA and working with others to always keep advancing the reporting profession in Alabama.

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## **SECRETARY MALLORY RAMBO**

Mallory Rambo, RPR, CCR, has been a court reporter since 2005. She attended Prince Institute of Professional Studies. She worked as a freelance reporter for 16 years and presently works as an official reporter for the Honorable Byron Brackin.

Mallory is married and has one child and a boxer and lives in Baldwin County. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and working out.

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## **DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 1 LORI MAY**

Lori May, CCR, has been a court reporter since 1991. After attending Gadsden State Community College, Lori moved to Sebring, Florida, for a year where she had the opportunity to do court and freelance work. She moved back to the Birmingham area in 1992 and worked with National Court Reporting until 1995 when she married Mike and moved back to her hometown of Oxford, Alabama.

She worked with Noble & Associates Court Reporters until 2001 when she and Mike moved to Chelsea, Alabama. This move gave her the opportunity to start May Court Reporting.

Mike and Lori have been married for 30 years, and they have a Miniature Schnauzer named Cooper. When Lori isn't working, she enjoys playing piano and singing at their church on the Worship Team.

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## **DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 2 TALITHA LOVIN-HUTSON**

Talitha Lovin Hutson, CCR, has been a court reporter since 2004. She has been employed by the state of Alabama since 2009. Prior to that, she freelanced in Montgomery and surrounding areas, primarily working for judges with the hopes of becoming an official. In 2009, her dreams came true when she began working for the Honorable Jenifer C. Holt in Jackson County. In 2020, she transferred to Madison County and began working for the Honorable Claude E. Hundley.

In her free time, she enjoys singing, cooking, and traveling with her husband in an RV they renovated together.

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## **DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 3 JODI CROWE**

Hi! I'm Jodi. I've been a reporter for 17 years. I graduated from Prince Institute in 2007, after which I moved to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, and started my career as a freelance reporter for Trawick Reporting & Video. In 2001, I accepted an officialship with the First Judicial Circuit of Florida and stayed there until August of 2023. In September of that year, I accepted an officialship position with the Honorable Christopher K. Richardson in Dothan, Alabama, Twentieth Judicial Circuit, and am happy to be back in Alabama. I look forward to many more years of protecting the record!

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## **DIRECTOR, DISTRICT 4 DEANNA COX**

Hi, Fellow Court Reporters. I am Deanna Vicich Cox, CCR. First and foremost, I am a Christian, and I am so blessed and thankful that God allowed me to take this journey. I was trained under the guidance of Virgene K. Biggers, my dear friend to this day. In March '88, upon attaining certification and graduation from Biggers College of Court Reporting/Institute for Legal Studies, New Orleans, La., I became a freelance reporter with Affiliated Court Reporting, Inc., in my vibrant and colorful City of New Orleans, Louisiana. After marriage to my supportive husband and a move to Mobile, Alabama, I completed my bachelor's in business at Mobile College. Throughout 35 years, I have worked with Lois Robinson & Associates, Mobile, Alabama. Lois granted opportunities to work with Federal Grand Jury and the United States Bankruptcy Court, where I gained valuable experience. I also worked with Bay Area Reporting, Mobile, Alabama, co-owners, Debbie Murphy and Candy Easterling. I then became a travel reporter, which I enjoyed very much, working with Mickie and Mike Turner of Freedom Reporting, Birmingham, Alabama.

I had the pleasure of meeting sweet Mickie, as we were both hired for an asbestos video deposition. We were "dualling reporters." You never know what surprises will pop up in our field.

I then became an official for The Honorable Michelle Thomason, Baldwin County Family Court Judge. After her retirement, I was set to retire. Well, God had a different plan. This past March, I was offered the opportunity to become an official for The Honorable J. Clark Stankoski, Baldwin County Presiding Circuit Court Judge. I accepted. I may never retire! I reside in Daphne, Alabama with my kitty, Iris Loco, and loving hubby, Bill, of 35 years. We have one daughter, Carina, our son-in-law, Jarrod, and two beautiful grandchildren, Finnick and Lyla, who reside in Birmingham. My hobbies are travel, piano, jewelry making, floral design and creating fascinator hats. I enjoy serving with ACRA, and I am thankful for ACRA maintaining the integrity of our profession. I love, respect, appreciate and thank my court reporter friends for their wisdom and guidance along the way, as well as for the opportunities I have been afforded throughout my journey. After all these years, I am still learning. I love our profession, and I am proud to be a court reporter!



## PARLIAMENTARIAN CINDY GREENE

After completing the court reporting program at Faulkner State in 1992, Cindy began her court reporting career as a freelance court reporter with Howard & Associates. In 2000, she was hired by Mobile County as a court reporter covering judicial proceedings in the juvenile court for Circuit Judge John Butler and District Judge George Brown. Cindy began her employment with the State as a Special Roving Court Reporter for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Mobile County) in 2004. In 2006, she became the Official Court Reporter for Circuit Judge Robert Smith and remained in that position until his retirement in January of 2019.

Since that time, she worked in the position as Official Court Reporter for Circuit Judge Ben Brooks, and as a Special Roving Court Reporter appointed by then-Presiding Circuit Judge Michael Youngpeter. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Cindy officially retired as a full-time Official Court Reporter with the State of Alabama Judicial System and is now working part-time as a freelance court reporter, which allows her to be able to spend more time with her husband Johnny, their four children and their families, which includes a total of 10 grandchildren.

Cindy is a member of the National Court Reporters Association and holds the certification of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR). She has served on the ACRA Board as District 4 Director, Secretary, Vice President, Membership Chair, President-Elect, the 2019 Convention Chair, the 2019 ACRA President, the Court Reporters Manual Committee, Chair of the Legislative Committee, and Immediate Past President. Cindy is currently serving her third year as Parliamentarian and is looking forward to continuing to serve in that position on the ACRA Board.