

Q. In what venues do voice writers work?

A. In any proceeding requiring the presence of a court reporter:

- ✓ *Trials*
- ✓ *Depositions*
- ✓ *Administrative hearings*
- ✓ *Public hearings*
- ✓ *Grand jury proceedings*
- ✓ *Municipal, Magistrate, State, Superior and Federal courts*
- ✓ *U.S. Senate hearings*

Q. How fast can voice writers speak?

A. Voice writers repeat every word uttered in a proceeding, so they speak as quickly as necessary to capture the proceeding, usually between 180 to 225 words per minute. NVRA's entry level certifications require:

- ✓ *Literary* *200 wpm*
- ✓ *Jury Charge* *225 wpm*
- ✓ *Q&A* *250 wpm*

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Your courtroom may be ready for the future. Is your court reporter?

Verbatim reporting of the spoken word has transitioned over time through technological change ~ from Marcus Tullius Cicero's notae tironianae, John Gregg's pen writing, Ward Ireland's stenotype machine, and Horace Webb's stenomask ~ to the global technology of speech recognition.

Since the development of the stenomask, or voice silencer, in the 1940s, voice writers have been able to capture and accurately transcribe the record.

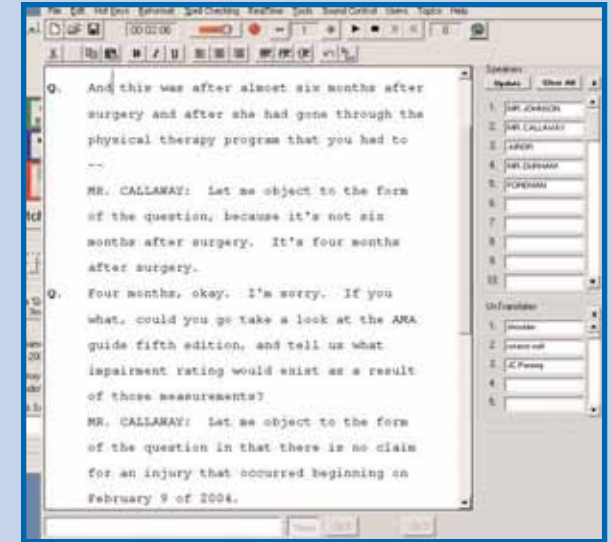
Voice writers:

- ✓ repeat every word stated by the attorneys, witnesses, judges, and other parties to a proceeding,
- ✓ verbally identify speakers,
- ✓ punctuate text,
- ✓ and describe all activities taking place.

Only the physical mode of capturing speakers' words differentiates voice writing from other methods. Every other aspect of the profession is the same, with the exception of the time required to learn the skill of speaking quietly, quickly, and clearly ~ much shorter than traditional pen or machine shorthand programs which require development of finger dexterity to build speed.

Speech recognition software allows voice writers to:

- ✓ produce a written transcript quickly,
- ✓ provide realtime text feeds within the courtroom,
- ✓ download text in ASCII format for distribution immediately following a proceeding,
- ✓ and interface with all litigation support software.



The National Verbatim Reporters Association (NVRA) continues to meet the challenge of the future to incorporate advancing technology to preserve the spoken word. NVRA is a professional organization of verbatim court reporters, captioners, and providers of Communications Access Realtime Translation (CART) and offers proficiency certifications on a national level through rigorous testing at speeds and accuracy requirements higher than most standards for state licensure.

Make sure your courtroom *AND* your court reporter face the future together!