

DepoSpan Members Contribute over \$10,000 to Project Steno

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Founded in 1983, DepoSpan is a network of independent professional court reporting agencies allied to provide the full range of litigation support services nationwide and internationally. DepoSpan agencies recognize the urgent need to address the looming court reporter shortage by building a robust pipeline of students into school and graduating them as quickly as possible. DepoSpan members have responded to that challenge by contributing more than \$10,000 to Project Steno's efforts.

Says Antonia Pulone of Pulone Reporting Services in San Jose, CA: "Project Steno is the one organization working to ensure the future of court reporting by offering tangible support to young men and women who want to become stenographic court reporters."

"Firms in the DepoSpan network understand the stark challenges our profession faces," said Nancy Varallo, Executive Director of Project Steno, "and they have stepped up. Their vision of what's needed – to promote awareness of the unique opportunity afforded by a career in court reporting and get students into school – aligns perfectly with Project Steno's mission to create awareness and provide financial support to students whom we identify as most likely to succeed."

Dawn Bachinski, managing partner of Signature Court Reporting in West Palm Beach, FL and Past President of DepoSpan, supports Project Steno as a crucial investment in the future of the profession that her firm depends on. "Thank you to Project Steno for proactively working to solve the shortage," she said. "I love this profession, always have, and Project Steno is our best bet to ensure its future."

Paulita Kundid, president of Volusia Reporting Company in Daytona Beach, FL concurs. "Project Steno is doing what they set out to do – encouraging students with tuition assistance, and in the process giving us all hope for the future of our profession."

DepoSpan members in addition have encouraged their associates to support Project Steno. Bill LaBorde, owner of Oasis Reporting Services in Las Vegas, has suggested holiday contributions to Project Steno. "As a firm owner, Project Steno's efforts are cause for optimism that we will have qualified stenographic reporters in the coming years." He added, "Project Steno's founders, and all its many donors, deserve our sincere thanks for spearheading this critical undertaking. I'm proud to do my part."

Jan Schmitt of Schmitt Reporting & Video in Portland, OR put it in perspective: "Project Steno is the best solution for ensuring the future of the stenographic reporting profession. Please consider paying it forward."

About Project Steno

Project Steno is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization and 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. To date, Project Steno has received almost \$300,000 in pledges and contributions from the court reporting community. With the manifest enthusiasm of court reporters everywhere, Project Steno continues to raise funds to promote widespread awareness of this unique profession and create a robust pipeline of students into court reporting schools and graduates into the field. Learn more at www.ProjectSteno.org.