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SPEAKER BIOS



Sybil L. Dunlop, Esq.

Sybil is a litigator with the law firm of Greene Espel who specializes in complex commercial and intellectual property disputes. Ms. Dunlop also presents award-winning diversity & inclusion training to audiences all over the nation. Her CLE, "Implicit Bias: How It Affects The Legal Profession...And How To Fix It" was lauded as "one of the best CLEs I have taken in my 11 years of practicing law" by a recent participant.

In addition to serving as the President of the Infinity Project, an organization dedicated to increasing the gender diversity of the state and federal bench, Ms. Dunlop authors a popular monthly column in THE MINNESOTA LAWYER entitled "Sybil Procedure" and hosts a recurring webcast series for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education.



Kathie Grove

Kathleen Grove has been a court reporter for 40 years (still reporting) and Certified Legal Video Specialist (CLVS) for six years.

Kathie started her career as a freelance reporter, became an official reporter for the State of Illinois, and subsequently returned to the freelance arena and opened Grove & Associates Reporting and Video Services in 1999.

Kathie has served as Treasurer of the Illinois Court Reporters Association (ILCRA) and has also served on several state committees.

She has also presented seminars for ILCRA on various subjects, but most notably as a second chair to her dear friend Donna Urlaub on the advantages of "writing short."

Kathie has also presented to bar associations and seminars for legal continuing education on inexpensively harnessing the power of technology in your trial presentations.

Kathie is an RPR, CRR, CLVS, and has a certificate as a Realtime Systems Administrator.

Kathie also attended NCRA's Legislative Boot Camp, which really has no bearing on these seminars, but was one of the hardest and most rewarding experiences of her reporting career.



Toni Halleen, Esq.

Toni Halleen is an employment law lawyer, a partner in the law firm of Schaefer Halleen, and the President and founder of Fun With Law. An accomplished improvisation performer, Toni combined her talents into teaching professional development seminars called “Think On The Spot” which teaches individuals and teams to be more effective under pressure. Toni’s 2003 musical, “Soulless Bloodsucking Lawyers” was voted Best Musical and was the most attended show at the Minnesota Fringe Festival. Ms. Halleen is also an award-winning writer of fiction.

Kevin Hunt

Kevin graduated in May of 1976 from both Buffalo State (degree in Political Science) and the Stenographic Institute of Western New York (court reporting degree). He is a Certified Shorthand Reporter in the State of New York and also holds the Realtime System Administrator certificate from the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA).

Kevin served as the Secretary, Vice President, and two-term President of the Baron Users Group (BUG), along with serving on its Liaison Committee from 1978 through to today in the Society for the Technological Advancement of Reporting (STAR) when STAR succeeded BUG as the software users group with Stenograph Corporation. Kevin has served on (and chaired) numerous committees in several court reporting associations, including the Realtime Systems Administrator Committee of NCRA.

Kevin has lectured before many different organizations, both nationally and internationally, on topics dealing with the court reporting profession such as software and sales tax implications for court reporting firm owners.

Kevin is the developer of one of the leading court reporting software management products, The Analyzer, used by court reporting firms ranging in size from one reporter to over 100 reporters across the country.

Kevin as a reporter has reported on many of the most high-profile pieces of litigation in the Western New York area, including the first reporter for the first Asbestos deposition, the first reporter for the first Love Canal deposition and the first reporter for the Courier-Express v. Buffalo Evening News litigation, among many others.



Star Levandowski

Star Levandowski is Vice President of Corporate Strategy at Stenograph. She started her career with Stenograph as Director of Marketing in 2016. Since then, her responsibilities have grown to include oversight of marketing, development and engineering departments. In addition to her management of those departments, Star leads Stenograph's acquisition efforts and is focused on driving long-term growth through various strategic initiatives.



Cindi Lynch

Cindi Lynch, Stenograph's Training Program Manager, has trained thousands of court reporters, captioners, CART providers, scopists, teachers and students all over the English-speaking world on a variety of CAT and other software for machine shorthand professionals for nearly 30 years.

A graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree, Cindi manages Stenograph's Certified Independent Training Agent Program and is the author of nine Case CATalyst Self-Study Guides and the Exceptional Skills Integrated Video Training lessons and the Essential Skills course practice files included with Case CATalyst. She is the author of the "Cindi's Corner" and "Ask Cindi" tips features on Stenograph's Facebook page. Cindi is a primary online liaison for Stenograph on Facebook and at a variety of social media sites for court reporting professionals and students.



Mike Miller, RDR, CRR, RSA

Michael E. Miller, FAPR, CSR, CCR, RDR, CRR, CLR, certified in Texas, California and Louisiana, is considered one of the premier realtime reporters working today.

Over his two-decade career, he has developed considerable expertise in all areas of litigation, including large corporate bankruptcies, intellectual property, pharmaceutical products liability, environmental contamination and a myriad of business disputes.

Mike's in-demand realtime court reporting skills and technical expertise have garnered him considerable experience working abroad, from Bangkok to Brussels to Stockholm to Seoul. Additionally, as one of the foremost experts on realtime reporting technology, he was chosen as a developer and lead instructor for the National Court Reporters Association Realtime Systems Administrator Certificate Program.



Kyle Peterson

Kyle Peterson is a Technical Service Specialist for Paradigm/Veritext. His experience as a cameraman and video producer for the popular local weekly program "Simply Fishing" paved the way for Kyle's position with Paradigm Digital Videography, where he began as a videographer in 2010. A natural fit for any technical hot seat, Kyle became certified in Trial Director technology by InData and earned his trial presentation certification from NCRA.

Kyle started Paradigm Trial Technologies in 2013 and managed that platform for five years. Named the Twin Cities' Top Trial Technologist in 2017 by MINNESOTA LAWYERS, Kyle has worked on over 100 trials and logged thousands of hours in court, and currently travels all over the country providing trial technology services in high-end and complex litigation matters.



Megan Reid

Megan is currently a Software Architect at Sears. Formerly she was a software developer for both Stenograph and BMW. She has a passion for new technology, fast cars, and the color purple (yay for the purple Luminex!). As a busy working mom with two children Megan utilizes technology to make her life run smoothly; she would love to share these tips with you.



Heather Whelpley

Heather Whelpley is a speaker, coach, and writer. She has facilitated workshops on imposter syndrome, confident communication, and overcoming perfectionism with over a thousand people at organizations like Ameriprise, LifeTime Fitness, Boston Scientific, the YWCA, and the University of Minnesota. As an executive coach, she guides high achieving women to slow down and stop being so hard on themselves so they can enjoy life while having a successful career and she's currently writing her first book on this same subject.

Prior to owning her business, she worked for ten years at Cargill and Ameriprise in a wide variety of roles in human resources, including leadership development, change management, and HR business partnering. Heather has extensive global experience, including living and working in Australia and Latin America. She has a master's degree in Human Resource Development from the University of Minnesota and is a graduate of the Coaches Training Institute. In her free time, you can find Heather hiking, biking, and skiing around the Twin Cities, visiting farmers markets and breweries, and serving on the board of HandsOn Twin Cities.