

"who is that masked woman?"

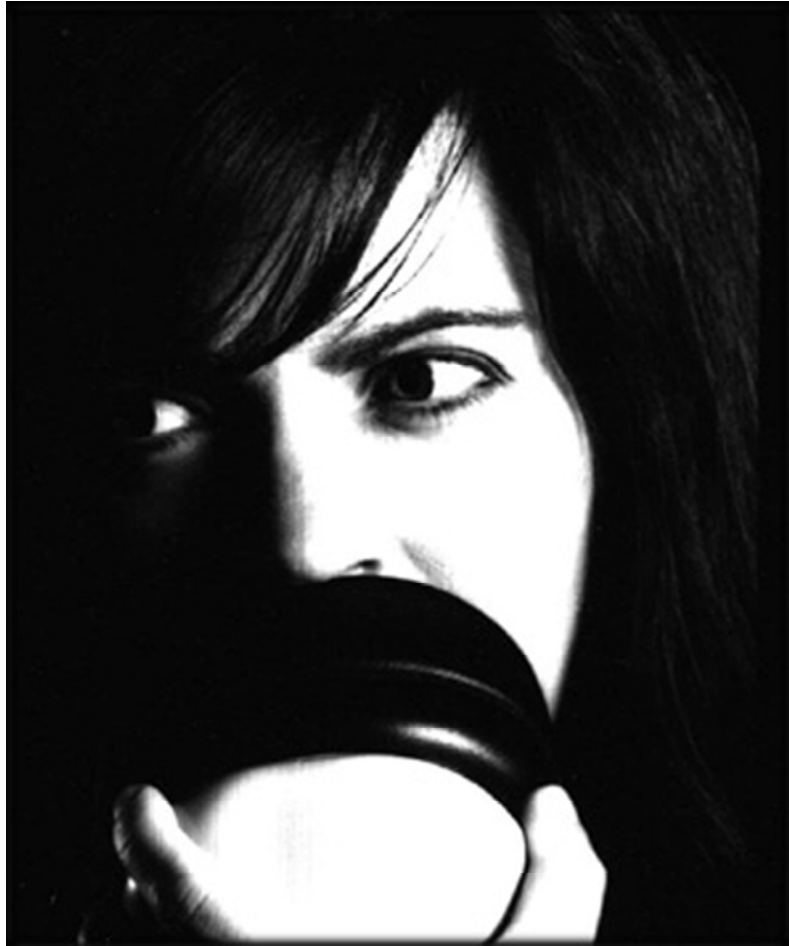
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Speech Solutions for Court Reporting



make it possible for voice reporters to dictate everything that is being said in a proceeding so that it appears in text on the computer screen in real time

From whence we came . . .

- Gregg Shorthand
- Stenotype Machine (Manual)
- Stenomask originally created by Horace Webb in 1942.
- Stenotype Machine with CAT software
- Stenomask with speech recognition and CAT software

NVRA

- **The National Verbatim Reporters Association (NVRA)**
- NVRA is the national authority for voice writing. We support our members with official testing and certification, marketing, news and information, legislative advocacy and professional development services
- NVRA members document the official record of congressional hearings, court proceedings, administrative hearings, depositions, conferences and similar events and proceedings. Using state-of-the-art voice and stenographic methods, our reporters maintain the highest standards of speed and accuracy in the field of court reporting.

So who are these masked people?

- People trained and utilized by the United States military for many decades
 - Army Court Reporters
 - Air Force Court Reporters
 - Navy Court Reporters
- College graduates who were trained as court reporters using the stenomask method via experienced mentors
- Former stenography students who were mentored by stenomask reporters in the voice method
- And most recently, people who are trained as court reporters and voice writers by accredited schools and schools seeking accreditation

Why voice instead of other court reporting methods?

- Gregg shorthand reporters who wanted a better way and felt that voice was more intuitive than having to learn yet another shorthand language mid-career
- Stenotype students that simply did not have the dexterity required to be fast enough at that method or working stenotype reporters who have suffered an injury and want to continue in the same profession
- Scopists that were ready to move to the next level in their career

What is a Stenomask Reporter?

- Stenomask reporters classically used a Speech Silencer Mask connected to an analog recorder.
- The Stenomask reporter would take copious notes while repeating every word spoken in the room.
- Once takedown of the record was completed, the stenomask reporter would begin the transcription process which involved listening to the audio of her or his voice and typing out the record.

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Stenomask reporter: Evolution to Voice Writer

- Still using a Stenomask, known also as a speech silencer mask
- Connected to a high-end business class laptop computer
- Speech Recognition Engine (Dragon NaturallySpeaking or IBM's ViaVoice).
- Also recording a digital audio file, can record up to five external channels
- Produce realtime text, which can be fed to a judge's pc or the attorney's pc. Can also be fed to a Scopist's computer for 100% realtime.
- Realtime via live Internet feed, webcasts, etc.

Career Opportunities Available Because of Speech Solutions

With the integration of speech recognition technology into the tradition Stenomask method, doors have opened for voice writers.

Career opportunities are now available to voice writers that were once only available to stenotype reporters.

States are changing Legislation since technology has placed voice writers on an equal playing field with their stenotypists colleagues.

Why is this important?

Voice writers now have career options:

CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation)

Broadcast Captioning

Live Webcasts

International Market Opening

- Speech Recognition technology for the court reporting profession has opened doors in court systems worldwide.
- NVRA has become a member of Intersteno to help promote speech solutions for court systems.
- Court Reporters in Italy, Germany, and many other countries utilizing speech recognition and the court reporting CAT software.

Empowering Your customers and employees with speech technologies

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