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VERBATIM REPORTERS CENTER ANNOUNCES THE EXPANSION OF THE FIRST SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF COURT REPORTERS AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES NOW ON THE INTERNET

(Phoenix, AZ)-- Verbatim Reporters Center, Inc., a Phoenix-based provider of informational resources for attorneys, paralegals, and members of the deaf and hearing-impaired communities on the Internet, has expanded its products and services offerings to include interactive communication through the introduction of its VRFORUM, VRClassifieds and Live VRChat technology.

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An industry leader and **the first professional World Wide Web site focusing on the court reporting profession**, the Verbatim Reporters Center (VRC), since 1995, has assisted more than 150,000 individuals seeking competent, qualified court reporters and other related litigation support services through its searchable database.

In a published report that appeared in *USA Today* by Kane, Parsons & Associates for Pitney Bowes, 51% of lawyers use the Internet for business, 40% communicate with other lawyers via the World Wide Web, and 40% use the Internet for research.

“Lawyers are gravitating toward the Internet in record numbers,” said Richard Sherman, partner in the reporting firm Lea, Sherman, & Habeski in Phoenix, and founder of the Court Reporters Forum on Compuserve. Sherman, a member of the National Speakers Association, is a keynote speaker at Internet seminars throughout the country, introducing thousands of individuals to the Internet each year. “Until the arrival of VRC on the Internet, there was no readily-convenient vehicle for attorneys, paralegals, or legal secretaries to quickly find competent court reporters anywhere in the world,” Sherman said. “As the first-of-its-kind on the Internet, we have changed that through the creation of the Verbatim Reporters Center.”

Now an attorney or paralegal can conduct a search for a court reporter easily anywhere in the United States or the world by clicking on a map of the city, state, county, country, or region where reporting or other professional services are required. Search results include contact information as well as additional information focusing on the experience and capabilities of the reporter, reporting firm, or related professional service.

Members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities can also conveniently locate captioners and real-time reporters, highly-skilled professionals who capture the spoken

word and immediately convert it to English text displayed on computer monitors.

The Verbatim Reporters Center Website is the official Internet host of the National Court Reporters Association. There is no charge for accessing VRC or its searchable database, a first for the reporting profession on the Internet.

The Verbatim Reporters Forum (VRFORUM) is a parallel platform to the Court Reporters Forum (CRFORUM) on Compuserve. Founded by Sherman in 1991, CRFORUM currently has more than 24,000 members world-wide, communicating via their computers. VRFORUM was created for the thousands of individuals who have access to the Internet and who also wish to communicate online with other professionals.

VRChat is the most recent addition to the Verbatim Reporters Center line-up of cutting-edge technology and presents an opportunity for individuals to “talk” to each other “live,” in real-time. As one person types words on his or her computer, the words appear on computer monitors of other VRChat members around the world.

Verbatim Reporters Center also provides free access to its VRC Classified Ads section, where individuals can compose and place their own advertising for goods and services via a fully-automated process on the World Wide Web.

“With more than 30 years of experience in the court reporting field as well as working with members of the legal profession, and time-proven success on the Internet through the integration of state-of-the-art technology, we are working daily to improve our established presence as the definitive resource for lawyers or anyone else seeking a court reporter, court reporting related service or product on the Internet,” said Richard Kennerson, VRC Website Manager.

“The Internet is bringing change as profound and far-reaching as the Industrial Revolution that is impacting every segment of society. Nowhere is this change more evident than in the professions, most certainly inclusive of the legal profession--communications between attorneys, clients, and providers of services to the legal profession such as court reporters,” said Sherman. “All roads are converging on the Internet, and the Verbatim Reporters Center is the hub of the court reporting profession on the World Wide Web.”

In addition to designing and creating electronic brochures and Web pages for members of the court reporting and related professions, VRC develops customized Web sites and unique Web presentations for state and national associations and other businesses, permitting each entity to maximize its utilization of the Internet as a marketing, communications, or informational resource.

Attorneys, paralegals, members of the deaf community, or anyone else wishing to visit the Verbatim Reporters Center Website can do so by pointing their Web browser to <http://www.verbatimreporters.com>.

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