



## **Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting Announces Voice Program Enhancements**

*BRSCR has revamped its popular voice court reporting program to include improved training with speech recognition software.*

Baton Rouge, LA ([PRWEB](#)) March 28, 2012 -- [Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting, LLC](#), which teaches machine and voice court reporting, CART/captioning, and scoping, has enhanced its popular voice programs to include improved training with speech recognition software. The program director, Karen Vornkahl, says as technology continues to advance, so has the efficiency of speech recognition programs such as Dragon Naturally Speaking™. While BRSCR has always included realtime speech recognition as part of its voicewriting curriculum, the curriculum focus has changed in recent months to put more emphasis on that evolving software technology.

Software upgrades bring both problems and rewards, says Vornkahl. "It can be a challenge to keep all teaching materials current as software is constantly changing, but our recent curriculum upgrade accomplishes just that." She states that each new software version adds value to the technology used in court reporting and captioning.

In addition to training with Dragon Naturally Speaking™, BRSCR also incorporates CAT software (computer-aided transcription) in its training. Where speech recognition software converts spoken sound into text, the CAT software provides the output and format needed in court reporting and captioning applications. "The marriage of speech recognition and computer-aided transcription makes realtime voice reporting and voice captioning a reality," says Vornkahl.

In addition to upgrades to its skills area of instruction, BRSCR continues to improve its academic coursework as well. Academics taught include legal terminology, medical terminology, courtroom practice and procedures, extensive English grammar and punctuation instruction, and a certification preparation course for students in states where certification is required for court reporting. The academic courses lay the foundation for competency in the workplace as well as providing preparation for written knowledge testing at certification time, according to Vornkahl.

"Sometimes we have competing goals in our voice program instruction," says Vornkahl, referring to the need to prepare students for certification testing while also having them ready and proficient to work. "The skills needed at test time may be somewhat different than those needed in the workplace. The improvements to our curriculum address both of those needs."

The [National Verbatim Reporters Association](#) website includes a listing of states that allow voice court reporting, and BRSCR is an educational affiliate with that organization.

BRSCR teaches steno machine court reporting online and onsite at its Baton Rouge campus, and onsite at its sister school, [Professional Institute of Court Reporting](#) in Metairie, Louisiana. The Voice Program is taught entirely online through the Baton Rouge school, although local students have the option of coming on campus for additional hands-on assistance when needed. Scopist training is taught online as well.

For more information about court reporter training, captioning, and scopist training, visit [www.brscr.com](http://www.brscr.com) or call 225-218-4919.



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