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**Chancery Court Reporter wins national contest for
speed and accuracy.**

It is official: Delaware's Chancery Court has one of the fastest, most accurate court reporters in the nation. Juli LaBadia, who has worked as a Realtime Court Reporter for the Court of Chancery since June 2013, was named the 2015 National Speed Contest Champion at the National Court Reporters Association Convention in New York City last month.

The results of that competition can be found at

<http://www.ncra.org/About/content.cfm?PreviewContentItem=52751&RDtoken=39275&userID=20567>

Across the three tests involved in the competition, Juli clocked in with speeds of 220 to 280 words a minute with only three errors across the tests, resulting in 99.912% accuracy rate. The contest dates to 1909, when court stenographers still took down transcripts by hand.

Juli has been a court reporter for 29 years, first in New Mexico, then in Delaware where she worked for a private employer as a freelance court stenographer from 2007 until she joined the Court of Chancery as a court reporter in 2013.

Juli, 49, of Dover credits her background as a pianist with leading her to her successful career as a court stenographer. "The mechanical aspect -- the typing -- came fast and easy to me," she said. "It is a great job and I have fantastic co-workers. I work for judges who are geniuses," she said, adding that since her win, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors have jokingly invited attorneys to speak as fast as they possibly can.

While she has attended the National Court Reporters Association annual convention for years, this year was the first time she entered the speed contest. "I was pleased and a little shocked," she said of her win.

Court Administrator Karlis Johnson said the entire Court of Chancery Court is proud of Juli and her achievement on a national stage. "We are certainly impressed by the speed but we are most gratified about her accuracy. We know we have some of the best court reporters in the country and this win by Juli just goes to prove that point," she said.

Chief Realtime Chancery Court Reporter, Neith D. Ecker, said the entire office was "giddy" about Juli's win. "We are so proud of Juli and are fortunate to have her as part of the Chancery Court Reporters for the State of Delaware. Juli has a fondness for the word 'awesome.' So in her honor, we say: Awesome is as Awesome does!" she said.

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