



# Computer Assisted Court Reporter

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I chose to become a Computer-Assisted Court Recorder during a time when I wasn't entirely sure what I wanted to do with my life. I had worked as a legal assistant for two years with Judge Klinger at May Adam, and through that experience, I quickly realized I wanted to stay within the legal system.

When the Computer-Assisted Court Recorder position became available, I applied immediately. While I wasn't completely sure what to expect, I knew it was an opportunity I didn't want to pass up. As soon as I applied, I began researching the position, and the more I learned, the more excited I became. I knew that if I were offered the job, I would accept it without hesitation.

I will never forget my first few days on the job. Walking into a full courtroom for the first time to set up my recording system was nerve-racking, and I was convinced I might have a panic attack. Thankfully, I was trained by an experienced court reporter, and with that guidance, I quickly began to gain confidence. I soon learned that the job involves much more than simply recording proceedings—you must stay attentive to everything happening in the courtroom while ensuring the audio record is clear and accurate.

I have now been with the Sixth Circuit for a little over six years. Each day brings new challenges, and I truly enjoy that no two days are the same. I feel privileged to work alongside such a supportive and dedicated team. One of the most rewarding aspects of this role has been meeting so many people and building meaningful professional relationships.

I also love traveling to different counties to record court proceedings. Each courtroom is unique, and I'm constantly learning both in and out of the courtroom. This position has taught me so much, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have a career I genuinely love. I would encourage anyone interested in court recording to reach out—I would be honored to share what the job entails and discuss both the opportunities and challenges it offers. I wouldn't trade this job for anything.

