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PERSONAL

Dominick M. Tursi

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Born: April 13, 1943
Brooklyn, New York

Married to Anneliese R. Tursi - Freelance Reporter
Children: D. Duane, Trent, Todd, Matthew

Interests: Children and grandchildren
Music
Court Reporting

REPORTING EMPLOYMENT***FORMATIVE REPORTING******1962-1964***

Entered the court reporting profession as a freelance reporter. Six months later became a staff shorthand reporter for the New York City Transit Authority. Eight months later became a shorthand reporter for the NYC Department of Investigation. As a result of skill testing, three months later was appointed as an official court reporter to the Circuit Court of Connecticut, at Meriden, CT. Resigned in 1964 to accept provisional appointment to the Nassau County District Court.

OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER***1964-1970***

New York State Court System - Nassau County District Court
Provisional appointment became permanent via competitive examination

OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER***1970-1983***

New York State Court System – Supreme Court
Promoted via competitive examination to NY State Supreme Court.
Introduced computer transcription to colleagues, bench, and bar.

FREELANCE REPORTING***1977-1979***

President of Verbatim Deposition Service, Inc., a Long Island freelance firm, while working as an official in NYS Supreme Court, above.

PART-TIME FREELANCE REPORTER***1979-1983***

Agreed to report two ongoing major litigations during vacation days from Supreme Court position – The Penn Central Railroad Bankruptcy and NYC Transit Authority v Grumman (Flxible Buses) litigations. Depositions continued for several years. Computer transcription was new, there were very few computer reporters in the East Coast, and the attorneys relied upon the litigation advantages of this new technology.

MANHATTAN REPORTING CORP.***June 1983-February 1985***

Retired from Supreme Court in June 1983. Became full-time freelance reporter. Principally reported major litigations (e.g., Drysdale Securities, Rely Tampon (toxic shock syndrome). Helped introduce Discovery-ZX (then new) to major law firms.

DAVID FELDMAN & ASSOCIATES (US) LTD***February 1985-October 1986***

Partner. Reported, trained, and oversaw production. Firm revenue tripled. Created an automated index of deposition motions and requests, marketed as “*The Transcript Memo.*”

REPORTING EMPLOYMENT (Continued)***INTERNATIONAL COURT REPORTING, INC. October 1986-November 1996***

President. Full-time reporter.

Operated this as a “boutique” freelance firm, catering to select litigators in New York.

Expanded the same concept to a base in Capitola, CA, London, and Hong Kong.

In 1987 brought realtime reporting to clientele and established first court reporter telecommunication between Hong Kong and New York to produce daily copy.

Reported proceedings in Cairo, Egypt; Athens, Greece; Rome, Italy; Istanbul, Turkey; London, England (often); Hong Kong (often), and Bermuda.

Created the much-copied “Tursi Transcript Digest” (outgrowth of “Transcript Memo”).

Merged into Noon & Pratt (which became Interim) and maintained independent status through November 1996.

CLOSED-CAPTIONING***1988-1990***

Reported departmental meetings for a hearing-impaired computer software developer employed by AT&T. Used the X-Scribe captioning system.

NOON & PRATT***INTERIM COURT REPORTING******April 1992-April 1996***

N&P was then the largest US freelance reporting firm, with 12 US offices.

I was partner in NY office. Part-time reporter. Chief Court Reporter. Director of Technology.

Hired, assisted reporters. Oversaw transcription department. Client technology advisement. Established company definitions reflecting new technology trends (e.g., evolving realtime software, transcript timestamping, remote steno transmission).

MANHATTAN REPORTING CORP.***April 1996-December 1996***

Returned to reporting on a full-time basis. When firm was engaged to report a daily-copy reinsurance trial in Bermuda, used all of my entrepreneurial, reporting and production experience to implement this very difficult assignment, where English barristers introduced testimony by reading affidavits, and whose arguments cited to Lord Justices from the 1600s. Resigned to accept current position.

US DISTRICT COURT – EASTERN DISTRICT OF NY January 1997- Present

First appointed to the EDNY Brooklyn courthouse. In 2000 reassigned to the brand new Central Islip (Long Island) court, located 15 miles from home, still part of the EDNY.

This is a busy court, requiring much daily copy transcription. Aware of my collection of shorthand memorabilia, GSA offered space to display my collection. This area, in the

entry rotunda of my federal courthouse, became home to The Gallery of Shorthand on September 30, 2010.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTING EXPERIENCE**CONSULTING*****Reporting Expert******1980***

Retained (fee waived) as expert by reporter candidates on court reporter examination. Plaintiff reporters sued NYS Office of Court Administration alleging test was administered erratically across sites and applicants graded inconsistently. Conducted timing and clarity tests of audio recordings of the live examinations. Results and opinions reduced to affidavit. Litigation settled.

Developmental Computer Project***1980-1982***

Engaged as technical advisor for unnamed developmental computer transcription project. This firm wanted to implement a CAT system on mainframe IBMs via scanning of steno notes. Developed a 30,000-word universal translation dictionary. Venture unsuccessful.

Reporting Expert***1991***

Testified as reporter expert witness in behalf of defendant law firm sued by court reporting firm for fees. Judgment for defendant.

Stenograph Corporation***1993-1996***

Tested and recommended improvements to the brand-new Stentura 8000 writer. Consultant during development of CaseCatalyst and CaseView for Windows.

OTHER***The Keyboard Shop, Inc.******1975-1977***

President. This firm engaged in the repair of steno machines for reporters on Long Island and in the five boroughs of New York City. No hands-on work performed by me.

Videographer***1976-1977***

NSRA certified videographer. President, Verbatim Video Depositions, Inc. Short-lived career.

REPORTING INSTRUCTION

SCHOOLS

VERBATIM SCHOOL OF COURT REPORTING* *1969-1979

Founder. President. Director. Instructor. With a 300-student enrollment at its zenith, this full- and part-time reporting school produced hundreds of highly-skilled reporters.

LONG ISLAND BUSINESS INSTITUTE* *1992-Present

Active member of this reporting school's Court Reporting Advisory Council.
Commencement speaker at many graduation ceremonies.

SEMINAR PRESENTER

NYS COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION* *1978-Present

Seminar instructor in behalf of the New York State Court Reporters Association for NCRA's continuing education program. Chairperson three times. Early topics included: *Transcription by Computer, Transcript Style/Methods, Speed Building*

NYS COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION* *1991-1993

Realtime Reporting Seminars conducted in behalf of this association for NCRA's continuing education program. Four Presentations: October 1991 - October 1993.

US COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION* *2006

Seminar instructor in behalf of USCRA for NCRA's continuing education program.
Topic: *Transcription Grammar, Punctuation and Style*

Lecturer – History of Shorthand/Machine Shorthand

Generally, lecture at Gallery display to the public when requested and feasible.
Since 2010 have lectured to reporting organizations worldwide.

2010: US Court Reporters Association

2011: New Jersey Court Reporters Association

2012: The following Court Reporting Associations:

New Jersey, Oklahoma, Ohio, Mississippi, New York State

2013: Delaware, Ohio, NCRA, Illinois, Kentucky,

Intersteno 49th Congress – Ghent, Belgium

2014: Pennsylvania, NCRA, Maryland

Friends of Historic New Utrecht (Non-Reporting Assn)

OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- (Currently) Lecture to about 50 classes annually visiting courthouse
- (Currently) Lecture at schools and at Gallery to visitors
- Lectured to major NYC law firms on realtime and transcript technology, and was invited to critique novice litigators during mock depositions (1985-1995).

- Author of monographs appearing in magazines published by National Court Reporters Association, NYS Court Reporters Association, and the US Court Reporters Association.
- Author of a variety of instruction and remediation manuals for reporting students

REPORTING EXAMINATION DICTATOR **1976-1986**

- Dictated (live) many RPR and CM testings in behalf of NCRA
- Dictated (live) several Official Court Reporter examinations in behalf of Office of Court Administration, NYS Unified Court System.

REPORTER FOR REPORTERS***NCRA CONVENTION REPORTER******August 1991***

By invitation, served as official reporter for the NCRA Annual Convention.

Reported all business sessions in realtime, simultaneously outputting text through two software systems. Realtimed President Woody Waga's Acceptance Speech at banquet, displayed on large screen for peer enjoyment.

CAT SOFTWARE COMPARISON SEMINAR***1991***

Realtimed for peers, in behalf of the XScribe company, speeches presented by representatives of the major CAT vendors. Displayed on large screens for the audience. Conducted as a seminar at the NY Hilton Hotel. Each spoke about the strengths and nuances of his software system.

Wrote for over two hours "against" two other reporters realtining simultaneously with different software, the second replacing the first after 20 minutes, and the second stopping after 10 minutes of writing.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON RETAINING REPORTERS ***February 1993***

By invitation of several court reporter organizations, reported public hearing of NY State Assembly and Senate Judiciary Joint Committee Session. This was convened to decide whether NYS Comptroller Regan's recommendation to replace NYS officials with audio alternatives should be adopted.

Of interest. Reported this 5-hour proceeding in realtime. Not permitted on floor of chamber, so reported from spectator area.

REPORTING INNOVATOR***COMPUTER TRANSCRIPTION/REALTIME*** ***1979***

Second reporter in New York State, among first on East Coast, to use computers for transcription. Early realtime reporter, beginning in 1987.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ***March, June 1987***

First reporter to transmit steno from Asia-Pacific region to New York, enabling next-morning transcript delivery in Hong Kong.

Accomplished on two discrete occasions, using a different operating system and CAT system each time. The second assignment unexpectedly required the additional feature of providing same-night file delivery to consultant at MIT. As the date reveals, this was long before the days of reporter emails.

LIVE-NOTE – US INTRODUCTION ***1990s***

First US reporter to publicly demonstrate capabilities of litigation-support tool LiveNote. This took place at Legal Tech in New York City. Exact date uncertain.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL/REPORTING CONTRIBUTIONS

New York Times

1976

A NY Times reporter, observing a NY State shorthand speed contest, photographed me writing and published it with a wonderful story about reporting. I was fortunate to have transcribed the Q&A without error. Impressed, the author wrote this flattering comment about my effort: “*Mr. Tursi not only records history – he made it.*” I view this as one contribution to heightening awareness of our profession.

Shorthand Historian

1990-Present

Have a prized collection of more 40 shorthand writers, including the first three machines. Own more than 200 antique shorthand books, some from the mid-1600s.

The Gallery of Shorthand

2010

In September 2010 opened a permanent shorthand history exhibition in the US District (federal) Court, in Central Islip, New York. Its theme is the role of shorthand in the preservation of thought. Goal is to raise awareness of the significance of, and to help perpetuate the shorthand profession.

US Court Reporters Association

2004-Present

Association for federal officials. 2d Circuit Representative since 2004. Banquet emcee 2005, 2006, 2007. Vice-President in October 2007. President in 2009.

Ambassador to China

June 2007

Participated in the first court reporting ambassadorial delegation to meet with professional counterparts in Beijing and Guangzhou. Delivered presentation to the joint China/US delegation assembled in Beijing, PRC. Topic: *The History of Shorthand Writing Machines in America.*

NCRA Boot Camp

2007, 2008

Attended as a representative of the US Court Reporters Association
2008 team captured 1st place

NCRA Leadership Conference

2008

Attended as a representative of the US Court Reporters Association
Co-winner of PAC Idol

NCRA Steering Committee Chair

2016

Charge: Guide development of court reporter aptitude to improve quality of graduates.

NONREPORTING ACTIVITIES

PUNCHBOWL HOMEOWNERS ASSN

President of homeowners association, four years. Currently Vice President.

POCKET BILLIARDS AMATEUR COMPETITOR ***March 2006-2010***

Semifinalist in NY Regional 8-Ball billiards competition. Competitors represented the five NYC boroughs and Long Island. (I no longer compete.)

COURT REPORTING PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENTS

Shorthand Speed Achievements

- 1976, 1977, 1979 – New York State Speed Champion
220 Literary, 230 Legal Opinion, 280 Q&A
- 1977 – NY State Speed Contest – *Perfect Paper 280 wpm Q&A*
- 1977 – New Jersey State Speed Contest – 3d Place
- 1978 – New York/Canada Speed Contest – 2d Place
- 1979 – NCRA Speed Contest – 10th Place
- 1980 – Pennsylvania State Speed Contest – 3d Place
- 1980 – New Jersey State Speed Contest – 3d Place
- 1981 – World Speed Champion – 300 wpm [Record unbroken @2014]
Two-voice Q&A – 5 minutes – 99.98 % (24 errors)

Notably, the 1981 NCRA 280 Q&A winner was 2d, and 3d was the 1981 NYS Speed Champion

Competitive Job Performance

1969 – NYS Supreme Court Examination – 3d Place (NYS 10th Judicial District)

Other Reporting-Related Performance

1979 – NYS Typing Speed Champion

Court Reporting Certifications

1966 – NCRA Certificate of Proficiency (converted to RPR in 1975)

1967 – NCRA Certificate of Merit

1969 – NYS Certified Shorthand Reporter (#622)

1969 – NYSCRA Award of Merit– 240 Medical Q&A – 5 minutes

Reporting Association Memberships

National Court Reporters Association

New York State Court Reporting Association

United States Court Reporters Association

Other Reporting Accolades/Accomplishments

United States Court Reporters Association President 2008-2009

NYSCRA Vice-President 2012-2014

NYSCRA President 2014-2015

NYSCRA Louis Goldstein Memorial (Distinguished Service) Award 2012

Incorporated Phonographic Society of London – Elected “Fellow” in 2014

NCRF Santo J. Aurielo Award for Altruism 2015

NYSCRA = New York State Court Reporters Association

NCRA = National Court Reporters Association