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National Network of Reporting Companies (NNRC) Mandates Sustainable Business Practices for Members

The newly formed NNRC Green Commission, has adopted a minimum set of criteria for greener business practices. It is now mandatory for NNRC Gold members to follow these criteria in order to maintain their membership and 44 of the Gold members of NNRC have been certified by the NNRC Green Commission as they have pledged to abide by these guidelines.

This comprehensive program outlines a list of 17 green business practices in which all NNRC members must comply, with the first eight being mandatory and a minimum of four additional requirements to be chosen by each member. NNRC is dedicated to changing the way Court Reporting firms across the nation and abroad conduct their business. The Commission and the Board are extremely enthusiastic about the message this initiative sends to the legal community at large, that together we can work to achieve a significant impact on preserving our global resources and environment.

“These mandated changes are only some of NNRC’s requirements for making meaningful changes within the industry to help fight global warming,” stated Duane O’Geil, NNRC’s President and CEO of Independent Reporters, Inc. in Calgary/Edmonton, Canada.

The Court Reporting industry utilizes enormous amounts of paper each year to produce transcripts of depositions and other legal proceedings. It is the ultimate goal of the Green Commission to not only certify each of its members as an official Green Business, but to also educate and inspire law firms to consider changing their methods by utilizing online and paperless options.

Additionally, commencing immediately, NNRC will be implementing a Plant-A-Tree program. For each assignment that is scheduled through the NNRC website or central office, a tree will be planted through its partnership with AmericanForests.org.

“Imagine the cumulative positive impact the members will have on our environment with its 44 firm members nationally and abroad.” said Mason Farmani, Member of the NNRC’s Board of Directors and Green Commission and Managing Partner of Barkley Court Reporters in Los Angeles, California. “The NNRC members’ commitment to this initiative is sure to cause a sea of change in the Court Reporting Profession.”

Below are a few of the requirements:

- 1) Be committed to promote the use of paperless transcripts, including educational seminars with clients.
- 2) Use Recycled Paper (minimum of 30% required with 50% preferred).
- 3) Make two-sided printing and copying a standard practice in your business (set all computers to print double-sided default).
- 4) Use recycled paper for letterhead and business cards and other printed and promotional materials.
- 5) Use email for invoices and statements.

The Green Commission is chaired by Bill Fredericks (Fredericks Reporting) and its members are: Paula Behmke (Behmke Reporting), John Brandon (Brandon Smith Reporting), Michelle Cook (Cady Reporting), Gerry Ryan (Ryan Reporting), Duane O'Geil (Independent Reporters), and Mason Farmani (Barkley Court Reporters)

About the National Network of Reporting Companies

In 1983, five of the leading firms in the court reporting industry joined forces to better service the needs of the legal community. Through shared knowledge, management techniques and innovative services, these companies are able to provide the highest quality of service to their clients. Since that time, over 50 of the top firms have joined the National Network of Reporting Companies (NNRC), the most prestigious independent court reporting firm network in the world.

The National Network of Reporting Companies (NNRC) is comprised of the most customer-oriented, technologically advanced court reporting firms in the world. The independently owned and operated firms are all proven, experienced, capable, technologically adept and committed to professionalism. Each knows their market and their members come highly recommended by both clients and peers for integrity, timeliness and accuracy. Expectations for membership are very high. Each firm is required to meet stringent criteria for state-of-the-art technology in reporting, professionalism and other attributes that benefit their clients. Every member of the expanded, comprehensive network can easily be booked online.

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