



NEWSLETTER

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CALIFORNIA WELCOMES VOICE WRITERS

This fall, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law AB 156, now allowing voice writers to apply for licensure. California is home to the country's largest court system, serving the most populous state in the union. The new legislation seeks to alleviate pressures on courts and litigants as the demand for certified shorthand reporters continues to increase. Voice writers are used in many states across the country just as stenographic reporters, and the newly passed legislation will expand California CSR certification to include these skilled professionals. [Click here](#) to read the entire legislation.

The CCRA Compendium is BACK!

CCRA just announced the return of their Compendium! The compendium is now available on the CCRA's website and accessible as a member benefit. This useful tool is a valuable resource for court reporting professionals and provides excellent information including relevant Code sections. Visit www.cal-ccra.org for more information.

Aptus at CalDRA's Annual Student Picnic!

Reporter-in-Charge Lori Bacon, Aptus COO Sandy Waite, and CalDRA President Jamie Asbury pictured below having fun at the recent CalDRA Annual Spooky Student picnic.



A request please ...

Should you have jobs outstanding and will be unavailable/out-of-town with no access to a computer (or the job), please send a copy of your rough to roughdrafts@aptuscr.com in advance.

Thank you so much!



Meet Our @ptus Scheduling Team

Clarissa Hill Scheduling Manager



Clarissa Hill is the Scheduling Manager for Aptus. She has been with the company since 2013 and says she loves the culture of our team. She worked in production and client services before moving to scheduling. She really enjoys helping everyone and treasures the relationships she has built throughout the years with clients and court reporters!

Clarissa is SoCal native and has a very “Chill” personality. She enjoys reading books, especially Tolkein’s Lord of the Rings books. She has two beautiful children and loves spending time with them at Disney World, going to Padres baseball games, and “geeking” out to the newest Marvel and Star Wars movies!

Bernadette Mercado Scheduling Specialist



Bernadette Mercado is one of the Scheduling Specialists at Aptus. She has been in the legal industry for about 8 years. When she’s not working, she enjoys drawing (digitally and traditionally) and watching and playing basketball with her husband and kids. She is a San Francisco Bay Area native from the Mission and Excelsior. Her family loves Mexican food, the Warriors and martial arts. And they just got two new kittens (the dog in the picture belongs to her sister)!



More @ptus Scheduling Team Members

Vanessa Ortiz Scheduling Specialist



Vanessa Ortiz had been in the legal industry for 17 years, working at two law firms and another court reporting agency before joining the team at Aptus as a Scheduling Specialist.

She loves working on the court reporting side and understand the needs of the clients, having the knowledge of working on the law firm side previously.

Vanessa and her husband have two wonderful children and enjoy planning trips to the zoo, aquarium and petting zoo (her children like animals!). In her spare time she enjoys reading, cooking and watching movies with her family.

Aimara Dominguez Scheduling Specialist



Aimara Dominguez is the proud momma of two, and when she is not working, she can be found chilling and spending time with her “babies.” Aimara was in litigation before coming to Aptus in 2017. She started in production then jumped into the production coordinator position. Aptus then gave her the opportunity to join the resource/scheduling team as calendar specialist.

Aimara loves her Aptus family! She is now part of the Scheduling Specialist team and says she loves and learns from her team every day.





Recipe

Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients:

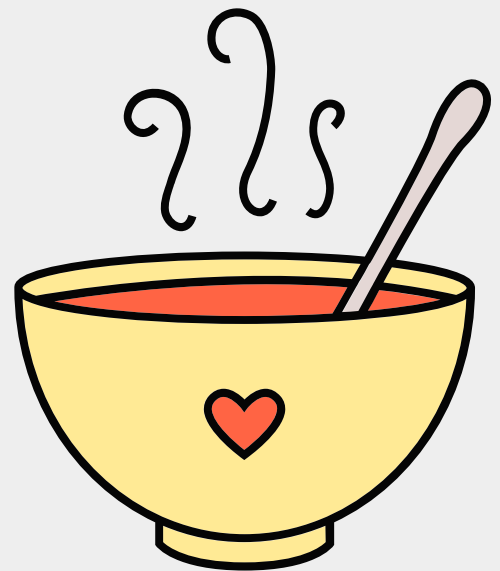
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 1 (3-pound) butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and cubed
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage
- ½ tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 3 to 4 cups vegetable broth
- Freshly ground black pepper

For serving:

- Chopped parsley
- Crusty bread
- Toasted pepitas

Instructions:

1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion, salt, and several grinds of fresh pepper. Sauté until soft, 5 to 8 minutes. Add squash and cook until it begins to soften, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Add garlic, sage, rosemary, and ginger. Stir and cook 30 seconds to 1 minute, until fragrant. Add 3 cups of broth. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook until the squash is tender, 20 to 30 minutes.
3. Let cool slightly and pour the soup into a blender, working in batches if necessary, and blend until smooth. If your soup is too thick, add up to 1 cup more broth and blend. Season to taste and serve with parsley, pepitas, and crusty bread.



Chat box



Did you know ...

- "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.



Events

Join Us!

Court Reporter Wine Tasting Saturday, November 5 | 12-2 pm

Bent Creek Winery
5455 Greenville Road
Livermore, CA 94550

FOOD, WINE, PRIZES, A SHORT HIKE AND FUN!

RSVP: mwalker@aptuscr.com



Court Reporter Happy Hour Thursday, November 10 | 5-8 pm



Aptus Court Reporting
401 W. A Street, Suite 1680
San Diego, CA 92101

FOOD, DRINK, PRIZES AND FUN!

RSVP: resourcing@aptuscr.com