

Update from CalDRA on COVID-19, Remote Reporting, and Next Steps Forward

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Like all of you, we at the Deposition Reporters Association of California are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it continues to develop.

We want to express our deepest hopes that you and your family are staying safe and sound. To that end, the safety and well-being of our members and their families is our number one priority.

We are aware of the changing COVID-19 virus and the uncertainty that it has placed on the legal industry.

However, we, as freelance legal professionals who are working within the greatest healthcare challenge in a century, must find a way to continue to report and serve our clients while we are required to shelter in place.

As we all monitor our own situation, we should make the best efforts to participate in and help facilitate future legal proceedings.

We understand this situation has added stress to life in general, and we are here for you.

What is CalDRA Doing?

While CalDRA is, of course, monitoring events statewide, the crisis is being addressed mostly at the individual reporter level by sharing remote reporting resources and materials. What better time to work remotely and showcase how resourceful and tech savvy we reporters are!

Don't forget:

- Your district representatives are available via e-mail.
- To check out your CalDRA community **Members-Only Facebook group** for more information and to share ideas/ask questions

Need more info about remote reporting? Check out the following resources:

- [Remote reporting resource handouts](#) by Vice President Jamie Asbury as well as instructional [Zoom screenshots](#)
- Remote Reporting for Clients. [“Video Conference your next deposition and avoid the Coronavirus”](#) by District 4 Rep Stephanie Leslie.
- Remote Reporting for Reporters. [“Remote Reporting: A how-to guide for Court Reporters”](#) by District 4 Rep Stephanie Leslie.
- Jamie Asbury/Todd Olivas's [Podcast](#) on Remote Reporting

[California Freelancers: A Call to Community](#)

Through our [Members-Only Facebook page](#), CalDRA hopes to offer freelancers resources and a community online where California freelancers like you can get help, share stories, and obtain vital information about the status of the crisis.

[Freelancers Helping Freelancers](#)

On DRA's Members-Only Facebook page, members can ask for help from freelancers and their families on routine matters like childcare, food delivery, elderly care, et cetera. This is just one more resource available to you as we meet the unprecedented challenges facing us personally and professionally.

[Freelancers Sharing Stories With Freelancers](#)

During this crisis, you are not alone. Freelancers need to hear from other freelancers during this crisis: your challenges, your concerns, what is working, what isn't. It is important to let us know what is and is not working on the ground so that CalDRA's leadership can act to make things better on your behalf and on behalf of your clients.

Do you wish to remain anonymous? You can entrust your questions/comments/feedback/stories to your

district reps. Contact information can be found on our [webpage](#).

Want up-to-date and reliable information? Below are some helpful links:

- [California Department of Public Health](#)
- [State Bar](#)
- [Court Reporters Board](#)
- [All California Superior Courts](#)

In the meantime, know that your CalDRA is with you every step of the way!

Stay safe and healthy, freelancers.

[We're all in this together.](#)



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