What is CART?

The acronym stands for Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), formerly known as Computer Aided Realtime Translation. This service consists of a highly skilled court reporter, often with extensive legal experience, who has undergone additional training to gain proficiency in simultaneous translation for the consumer, transliterating (translating) word-for-word speech-to-text to be projected on a screen.

How CART Works?

Using a stenotype machine that is connected to a laptop computer with realtime software installed, the text appears nearly instantaneously on the projection screen (Realtime).

When and where is CART used?

The most common usage is in group meetings, such as conferences, workshops, and in individual educational settings where the text is projected onto a screen or monitor. In the latter, the CART captioner will utilize the screen on their laptop to display the text, or connect to monitors which one or more students can view simultaneously. CART has been used in a wide variety of environments such as medical appointments, church and support group meetings, funerals, legal proceedings, vocational and educational settings and many more.

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CART and the ADA

Under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, CART is considered one of several auxiliary aids and services which can be used to provide reasonable accommodation to ensure effective communication.

218th Annual Meeting of the Gathered New Hampshire Conference, UCC

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019
Time: 9am-4pm
Location: Grappone Conference Center – Concord, NH

CART Captioner: Ms. Denise Gracia

CART Captioner Disclaimer: I am bound by ethics set forth by the National Court Reporters Association from being an active “participant” in any proceedings that I am also providing CART for. My job is to aid the consumer for whom I am providing CART services, not to join in.

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