

Born and raised on a farm in southeast Iowa, graduated from Fairfield High School in 1977, attended American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa, graduating with an Associates Degree in Court Reporting May 1979. Received certifications as a Certified Shorthand Reporter and Registered Professional Reporter in 1980 and Certified Realtime Reporter in 1999.

Began freelancing in Ames, Iowa in 1979, and then in October of 1980 began working for Petersen Court Reporters in Des Moines, Iowa, covering depositions, hearings for various state agencies, including the Iowa Utilities Board, and also traveled across the country for Nuclear Regulatory Commission hearings, as well as reporting hearings and trials in Federal Court. In 1991, became an employee of the United States Court as the court reporter for the Honorable Charles R. Wolle. Upon Judge Wolle taking senior status in 2002, commenced working for the Honorable James E. Gritzner.

Past President of the Polk County Shorthand Reporters, member of the Advisory Council for AIB, served as Eighth Circuit Representative and on the USCRA Board of Directors from 2002 until present, Co-Chair of the Seminar Committee since 2006, recipient of the Samuel M. Blumberg, Jr. Award of Excellence in October 2011.

Outside activities include Mary Kay Director, avid sports fan, walking, reading by the pool and spending time with my granddaughter.