

Julie Whitaker

Julie commenced training to become a Palantypist in September 1986. She completed the two year course within a year with a speed of 200wpm. She became a fully accredited Court Reporter (CAT Writer) in 1990, passing the Association of Shorthand Writers exam, an organisation of which she became a full member in the same year.

Julie worked as a Court Reporter (CAT Writer) at Leeds Crown Court for 8 years, before moving to Aylesbury to work for Possum Controls, the makers of the Palantype equipment.

In 1997 Julie started training to become a Speech to Text Reporter. In 1999 Julie passed the CACDP's (Council for the Advancement of Communication with Deaf People) Deaf Awareness exam. In the same year, Julie passed her two deaf endorsements set by the CACDP, and was admitted to the Register of Speech-to-Text Reporters in 2000, remaining on the Register to the present day.

As part of her continuing professional development, Julie attended a Mentoring Course in 2002 and a Listening Skills CPD Course in August 2003.

Julie is a full-time Speech to Text Reporter, Treasurer of AVSTTR (Association of Verbatim Speech-To-Text Reporters), Member of the BIVR Council (British Institute of Verbatim Reporters), and active General Partner of **STTRs Direct** Agency.

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