

**JENNIFER C. BURKE, CER, CET**  
**BOARD NOMINATION BIO**

Jenni is a native of Virginia. Growing up as a military child, Jenni was born in Alaska, and has lived in Virginia, Florida, and Washington, and loves to travel.

Jenni joined the United States Navy in March of 1999 where she was assigned to be an electronics technician. Jennifer's time in the Navy was well documented as she excelled in every endeavor. Even though being an electronics technician was challenging and rewarding, it just didn't give the gratification that she had thought it would. She started exploring the military judicial system and immediately knew that her professional happiness and well-being would follow that path.

In 2003, she earned her bachelor's degree in business administration with a specialization in business management. Jenni applied to change her rating designation, which was granted, and graduated as the top sailor in every course of the Navy Justice Legalman Accession Training Course, which included paralegal, court reporting and transcription instruction. This decision has proven to be the catalyst that brought her to her true passion in the world of legal matters.

While assigned to the USS NASSAU, as one of two legalman serving a crew of approximately 1200 sailors, Jenni earned her paralegal certification, was an instructor for Central Texas College to assist sailors to increase scores on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, all while handling daily job duties and shipboard responsibilities.

When Jennifer and her husband decided to start a family the decision was made for her to follow her dreams in the private sector. Upon her honorable discharge from the United States Navy in 2006, she immediately went to work for a local law firm in Virginia Beach, Virginia, assisting military members with civilian and military legal matters.

Her desire to be more in control of her daily routine and that of her family lead her to taking the leap, establishing Busy Bs, and pursuing "civilian" legal transcription. Jennifer became a member of AAERT in 2008, and her desire to excel was rewarded with obtaining her CET in 2008.

Jenni has found that her most self-rewarding contribution with legal transcription has been in juvenile jurisdictions, as she was a foster child and involved with the child welfare system in her youth. In growing and expanding her opportunities in this industry, she obtained her CER in 2018. The ability to adapt to the everchanging world of legal transcription and court reporting has provided her with the opportunity to stay relevant and is sought after as one of the Subject Matter Experts in the field.

Jenni is a firm believer in teamwork; the collaboration with others, listening to all points of view, respectfully, and with an open mind, so that the team can achieve its goal. Jenni's contribution to the Board in the areas of membership, education, training, and overall customer satisfaction, will prove to be valuable tools that will help the members of the association, as well as furthering the mission of AAERT. It is my firm belief that the changing landscape within the legal industry will open up opportunities of infinite proportions, and AAERT is in the best position to capitalize on such opportunities.