

“Back to the Future”: Video Remote Interpreting and Other Language Access Solutions in the Time of COVID

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Presented by CCJ-COSCA's Pandemic Rapid Response Team



Welcome & Introduction:

- Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor (Ohio); Co-Moderator, NCSC Post-Pandemic Planning Initiative Court Management Criminal Workgroup

Moderator:

- Tonnya Kohn, State Court Administrator, South Carolina Judicial Branch; Chair, Conference of State Court Administrators Language Access Advisory Committee

Speakers:

- Artie Pepin, State Court Administrator, Director, New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts; Member, Conference of State Court Administrators Language Access Advisory Committee
- Carmel Capati, J.D., Court Interpreter Program Manager, Office of Court Operations, Wisconsin Court System
- Paula Couselo-Findikoglu, Senior Statewide Program Manager, Language Access, New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts
- Kelly Mills Program Manager, Court Language Access Services, Oregon Judicial Department
- Stacy Westra, Management Analyst, State Court Administrative Office, Michigan Supreme Court

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Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) has exploded overnight and is in use in courts across wide swaths of the nation. This isn't a sci-fi movie; it's the reality in which we are living today. Whether you use Zoom, WebEx, or BlueJeans, we are hearing that you have stayed nimble during this international public health crisis and in the process have learned some valuable lessons. Join us to see how your colleagues around the country, from metropolitan centers to rural areas to islands, have innovated, using remote technologies to ensure the continuation of essential court operations and adapting those solutions to the post-pandemic court world.

Panelists will also share:

- How these language access tools have been a catalyst allowing broader accessibility to the courts for litigants with limited English proficiency
- How NCSC's VRI Initiative has helped build the foundation which, leading up to this moment, has enabled courts to pivot in an unpredictable world
- Silver Lining Moments

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