

# *The Next Step*

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The Court Interpreter Certification and Regulation Program administers the qualification, certification, and regulation process for spoken language interpreters on behalf of the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

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There are formal requirements and testing that prospective spoken language interpreters must complete in order to become officially designated or otherwise registered interpreters.

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To learn more about interpreting in the Florida State Courts System and specific details on how to join this diverse group of professionals, **please visit our website at [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org) and click on Resources & Services, then Court Interpreting.**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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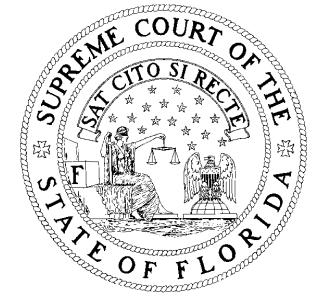
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## CICRP MISSION STATEMENT:

*To afford all Floridians equal access to the justice forum by removing linguistic barriers and increasing the availability and effectiveness of qualified spoken language court interpreters.*



## BECOME A COURT INTERPRETER

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## *Demand*

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*Florida* has the fourth largest limited English proficient population in the United States, estimated at 2.1 million. As such, several hundred thousand events are interpreted in the Florida State Courts System every year, resulting in the need for qualified spoken language interpreters to bridge the communication gap.

## *We Need You*

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*While* the top language demands statewide are Spanish and Haitian Creole, qualified interpreters are needed in many different languages to ensure that every voice is heard. As a result, the Florida State Courts System is seeking interpreters who are proficient in various languages to provide interpreter services as ordered by the court.

## *Opportunity*

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**The Florida State Courts System uses two types of court interpreters for spoken language interpreting services:**

1. Full-time staff interpreters who are employees of the courts; and
2. Freelance interpreters who are independent contractors or work for an agency.

### **Full-Time Staff Interpreters:**

- Staff interpreters are employed in areas of the state where the need for a given language is frequent and predictable.
- Compensation includes a competitive salary with a comprehensive benefit package.

### **Freelance Contract Interpreters:**

- Where language demand is less predictable or there is less volume, or to supplement the provision of services provided by staff interpreters, interpreters may be hired on a contractual basis as needed by the court.
- Contractual rates vary depending on such factors as certification status, location, and frequency of demand.

## *Qualifications*

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*Court* interpreting is a rewarding and challenging profession that requires much more than just being bilingual.

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### **To be qualified to interpret you must:**

1. Possess an educated, native-like mastery of both English and a second language;
  2. Display wide knowledge characteristic of a minimum of two years of general education at a college or university; and
  3. Possess the skills to effectively perform the three major types of court interpreting: sight translation, and consecutive and simultaneous interpreting.
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