

INTERPRETER STATISTICS

- The Los Angeles Superior Court's Interpreter Services Division is the largest in the world
- The Court maintains a corps of interpreters consisting of nearly 400 employees and over 200 acting as independent contractors serving courtrooms in 44 court facilities
- Interpreter Services provides interpreters for over 100 languages and dialects
- The Los Angeles Superior Court utilizes approximately 49% of the state's usage of interpreter services
- Interpreter Services assignment staff deploys approximately 400 interpreters daily
- 80% of the interpreters deployed daily are for the Spanish language

INTERPRETER SERVICES

A person who is charged with a crime and is unable to understand English has the right to an interpreter throughout the proceedings. (California Constitution, Article I, Section 14)

Pursuant to current law, the Court provides linguistic interpreters for the following mandated case types:

Criminal (felonies and misdemeanors)

Juvenile (delinquency and dependency)

Traffic

Mental Health

**Note: The case must be on calendar for the day the service is being requested.

The Court receives state grant funding to provide interpreters in family law cases where there is incidence of domestic violence and where a restraining order is being sought. Interpreters may assist with other family law and civil needs for the Court, if available; however, a fee of \$66 per hour or portion thereof must be collected by the Court (absent an interpreter fee waiver).

Under California law, a Sign Language Interpreter is required where a hearing-impaired party or witness is present and participating in court proceedings (Evidence Code 754(b)).

COURT INTERPRETERS' ROLE

- To ensure that the official record of the proceedings in English accurately reflects what was stated in another language by a non-English speaking witness or defendant.
- To place non-English speaking participants in legal proceedings on an equal footing with those who understand English

BECOMING A QUALIFIED COURT INTERPRETER

For more information on becoming a qualified court interpreter, please refer to the following websites:

www.lasuperiorcourt.org

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/courtinterpreters/>

(866) 310-0689

**INTERPRETER SERVICES
ASSIGNMENT OFFICE**

SPANISH

(213) 893-0074

OTHER THAN SPANISH 1

**ARMENIAN (EASTERN/WESTERN), DARI, FARSI,
FRENCH, GEORGIAN, HEBREW, KOREAN,
LITHUANIAN, POLISH, ROMANIAN, RUSSIAN,
UKRAINIAN, VIETNAMESE**

(213) 974-5352

OTHER THAN SPANISH 2

**ARABIC, CAMBODIAN, CANTONESE, EGYPTIAN,
GERMAN, GREEK, INDONESIAN, ITALIAN,
JAPANESE, MANDARIN, SIGN LANGUAGE, URDU**

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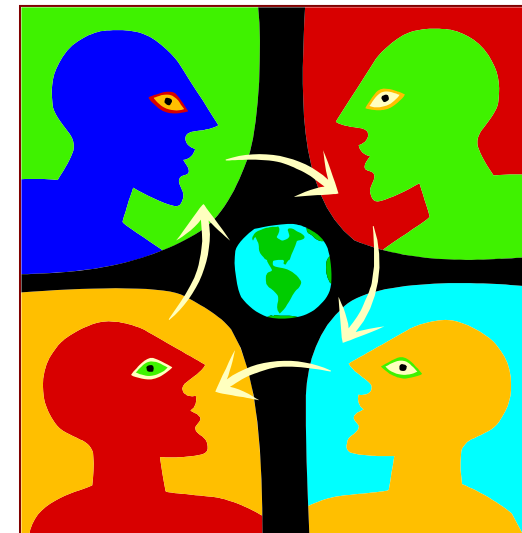
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