

# *The Next Step*

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The Court Interpreter Certification and Regulation Program (CICRP) 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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Prospective spoken language interpreters must complete formal requirements and testing to become officially designated or otherwise registered interpreters.

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To learn more about interpreting in the Florida State Courts System & 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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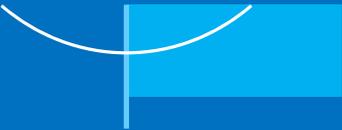


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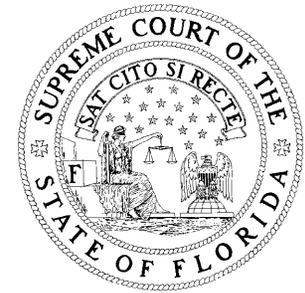
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### **CICRP MISSION STATEMENT:**

*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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Florida has the fourth largest limited English proficient population in the United States, estimated at 2.1 million. Consequently, 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. For this reason, 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 three types of spoken language interpreters:**

1. Full-time or part-time staff interpreters;
2. Other Personal Services (OPS) interpreters; and
3. Interpreters employed by an independent business that contracts with the courts.

### **Staff Interpreters:**

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

### **OPS Interpreters:**

- OPS interpreters supplement the provision of services provided by staff interpreters and are hired by the court only as needed.

### **Contract Interpreters:**

- Where language demand is less predictable or frequent, interpreters may be hired through a independent business that contracts with a court based on the court's needs.
- Each contracted business controls the pay and terms for its interpreters.

## Qualifications

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

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

1. Possess an educated, native-like mastery of both English and a second language;
2. Display 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, consecutive interpreting, and simultaneous interpreting.