



Orientation Program for Court Interpreters

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Court interpreters play a vital role in court proceedings to ensure that court customers who do not speak English or are deaf or hard of hearing receive equal access to justice. Court interpretation is a highly specialized form of interpreting that cannot be effectively performed without adequate specialized training and skills. The court interpreter’s job is to produce a true and legally appropriate interpretation of the meaning from source to target language.

The orientation program is an introduction to court interpreting, including:

- An overview of the Minnesota Judicial System, court processes, and legal terms
- Detailed information on the role of interpreters in the court system
- Ethics and professional responsibilities of court interpreters
- Intensive, guided, interpreter skill-building sessions
- The Ethics and Legal Terminology (Written Test part 2)

The orientation program is one of the several requirements required to be added to the roster of the Minnesota Court Interpreters. To join the roster, all participants must attend all training sessions, pass the Ethics and Legal Terminology Written Test Part 2, and submit all required paperwork. Please review the [policy](#) before registering for this training.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, October 24, 2024	12:30 PM to 4:30 PM	ZOOM
Friday, October 25, 2024	12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	In-Person MN Judicial Center Conference room 305 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Saturday, October 26, 2024	(spoken languages only) 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	In-Person MN Judicial Center Conference room 230 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Thursday December 5, 2024	4:00 PM (Written Test Part 2)	In-Person MN Judicial Center Conference room 230 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

Virtual Training by Zoom and In Person at Minnesota Judicial Center

Virtual Training: Participants must have a device capable of audio, video, with internet connection. Headphones highly recommended. Acceptable devices include cell phones with camera (“Smartphone”), computers with a camera, and tablets/iPads with a camera. Participants must participate in all sessions with their camera turned on for the entire duration of the orientation to receive a “completion” status.

In Person: The legal terminology, ethics and skill building sessions for spoken language interpreters will be held Friday and Saturday in-person at the Minnesota Judicial Center. Orientation Training also includes taking the Written Test Part 2: Ethics and Court Terminology



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from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). NCSC requires written tests to be administered in-person and is offered at the Minnesota Judicial Center.

Fee: **Payable by check or money order only** – due before close of business on October 11, 2024
\$40 for non-spoken language interpreters to attend Thursday & Friday only.
\$75 for spoken languages *before* close of business on October 11, 2024
\$100 *after* October 11, 2024 (Payment must be received by October 18)

Prerequisite: Participants must have received a passing score on Written Test Part 1 (English proficiency) provided by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC).