



Superior Court
Of Snohomish County

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 33-18

Snohomish County Superior Court
Interpreter Services

Adopted: August 13, 2008
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A. General Provisions

1. In order to implement the Snohomish County Trial Courts' Interpreter Services as agreed upon by Snohomish County Superior Court and Snohomish County District Court, the Court has considered: RCW Chapter 2.42 which secures the rights of deaf and hearing impaired persons to interpreters; RCW 2.43 which secures the rights of non-English speaking and limited English speaking persons; and GR 11 which establishes the Interpreter Commission and a Code of Conduct for Court Interpreters.
2. Uniform policies regarding court interpreters are intended to provide equality of access to justice and uniform quality of interpreter services in all the trial courts of Snohomish County.
3. Maximum rates are set for interpreter services in order for court administrators and designated staff to provide necessary qualified interpreter services within the constraints of state, county, and municipal appropriations.

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B. Interpreter Qualifications

1. By accepting a court assignment, the interpreter declares to the court that the interpreter has the proper training, skill, and background to perform interpreting services in a competent and professional manner.
2. Upon request, the interpreter agrees to furnish a resume and other information to permit review of the interpreter's qualifications and competency to provide interpreter service to the court.
3. By accepting a court assignment, the interpreter agrees to abide by all applicable rules of decorum, to dress in appropriate professional attire, to report on time, and to abide by the Code of Conduct for Court Interpreters, GR 11.2.

Dated this _____ day of May 2018

LINDA C. KRESE

Linda C. Krese, Presiding Judge

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