

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INTERPRETATION INFORMATION SHEET

➤ All interpretation and translation services must be provided in accordance with the Florida Evidence Code; Sixth Administrative Order No. 2018-034; the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) – Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Code of Professional Conduct; and any other subsequent or applicable rule, law, or Administrative Order.

➤ Each interpreter providing services to the Court must possess certification with RID Specialist Certified: Legal (SC:L), RID National Interpreter Certification (NIC), or other RID certification. Each interpreter must maintain or upgrade his or her RID certification during the term of the agreement.

➤ The Court will give preference for assignments to interpreters who are designated as “Specialist Certified: Legal” by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

➤ Each interpreter selected to serve must enter a contract with the Court. Contracts are effective during the period July 1 through June 30, with the possibility of renewals for up to three (3) years.

➤ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Language Interpreters are selected to serve in rotation based on qualifications and availability of the interpreter. Interpreters will provide interpretation and translation services for in-court and out-of-court proceedings in all courts of the Sixth Judicial Circuit including the Robert D. Sumner Judicial Center, Dade City; West Pasco Judicial Center, New Port Richey; Pinellas County Justice Center, Clearwater; Clearwater Courthouse, Clearwater; Clearwater Historic Courthouse, Clearwater; St. Petersburg Judicial Building, St. Petersburg; North County Traffic Court, Clearwater; South County Traffic Court, St. Petersburg; and such other facilities within Pasco or Pinellas County as required by the Court.

➤ Interpretation and Translation Rates are as follows:

- Certified by RID - “Specialist Certificate and Certification other than Specialist Certificate: Legal” - \$90.00 per hour with a two-hour minimum.
- Not certified by RID but otherwise found qualified by the Court - \$60 per hour with a two-hour minimum.
- Flat fee of \$35.00 per day for travel time when travel is within the county of interpreter’s home or office (no mileage will be paid).
- Flat fee of \$45.00 per day for travel time when travel is outside the county of interpreter’s home or office (no mileage will be paid).

**** THE COURT IS CURRENTLY SEEKING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INTERPRETERS. ALL INTERESTED INTERPRETERS PLEASE REACH THE OFFICE OF COURT COUNSEL FOR AN APPLICATION AT SixthCircuitContracts@jud6.org.****