

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF
RARE LANGUAGE CONTRACTORS

} ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2023-084

Whereas the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County is experiencing an urgent need for qualified rare language court interpreters owing to a demand for interpretation services for defendants and victims/witnesses who speak a rare language as well as the lack of availability of current contractors;

Whereas the existing court interpreter vendors do not have qualified rare language interpreters;

Whereas the definition of rare languages is any language excluding: Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Swahili, Burmese, Mandarin, Russian, French, Somali, Kinyarwanda, Chuukese, Egyptian Arabic and Farsi;

Whereas due to these circumstances and the urgency in providing interpretation services to the judicial divisions and other vital court programs, it is necessary to temporarily engage the services of rare language interpreters; and

Whereas this action will avoid delays and continuances of cases requiring rare language interpretation services;

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Rare language interpreters shall be compensated at the rate negotiated with Court Interpretation and Translation Services (CITS) and approved by the Judicial Branch Administrator.
2. Rare language interpreters shall be exempt from providing proof of liability and professional insurance.
3. Rare language interpreters shall abide by the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct for Court Interpreters established by this Court.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2023.

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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