

## Learn More about Court Interpreters

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Association (NOTA)

[www.notatranslators.org](http://www.notatranslators.org)

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## Contact Us for More Information

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learn more about becoming an  
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# Become a Court Interpreter

*Ohio courts need interpreters  
of all languages.*



## Career Opportunities

Court interpreters play a key role in helping courts and legal professionals communicate with individuals who are of limited English proficiency, deaf, or hard of hearing.

The need for credentialed interpreters continues to grow. Bilinguals are part of a select group of specially trained professionals who have merged their language skills and commitment to public service in the rewarding career of court interpretation.

Court interpreters are instrumental in helping the court system carry out its mission of access to justice, equal protection, and service to the community. It is vital to understand and be understood.

Court interpreters work in the following settings:

- Attorneys' offices.
- Depositions.
- Courtrooms.
- Jails.
- Law enforcement agencies.
- Probation departments.

## Qualifications to Become an Interpreter

Court interpreters must demonstrate proficiency in English and a foreign language or sign language, and the ability to understand and convey legal terminology. They must also strictly follow the Code of Professional Conduct for Court Interpreters and Translators.



## Get Credentialed

- Your name is included on the official roster made publicly available on the Supreme Court of Ohio website for courts, law offices, government agencies, and private companies to use.
- You become more visible as a credentialed interpreter.
- You show your professional dedication to take part in the legal system.
- You help people in your community access the legal system.

To become a credentialed court interpreter with the Supreme Court of Ohio, a candidate must:

- Attend an orientation training session provided by the Supreme Court.
- Pass the written examination. Exam is offered in Columbus, Ohio.
- Attend a modes of interpretation training provided by the Supreme Court.
- Pass the oral examination or an oral proficiency assessment. Exam is offered in Columbus, Ohio.
- Submit to a background check.
- Execute the Interpreter Oath.
- Obtain court interpreter ID badge.