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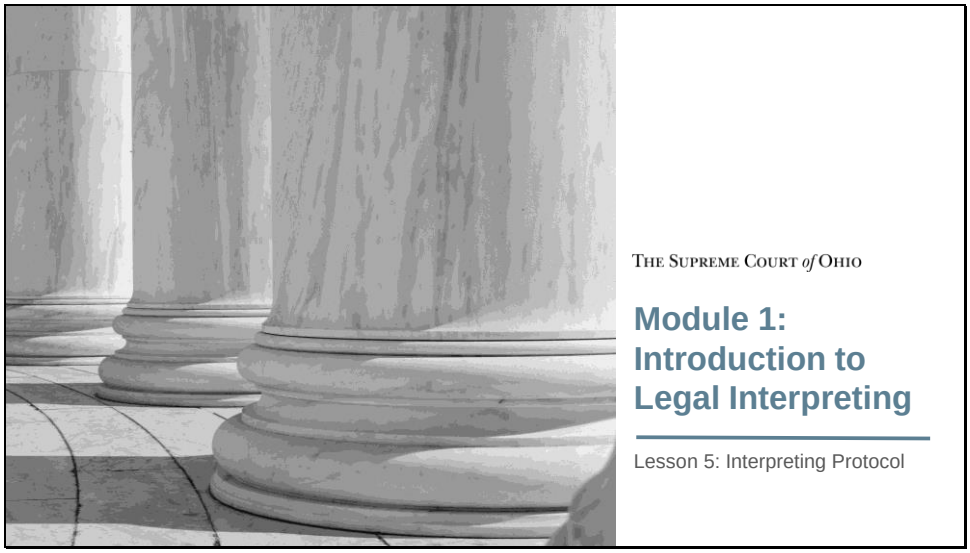
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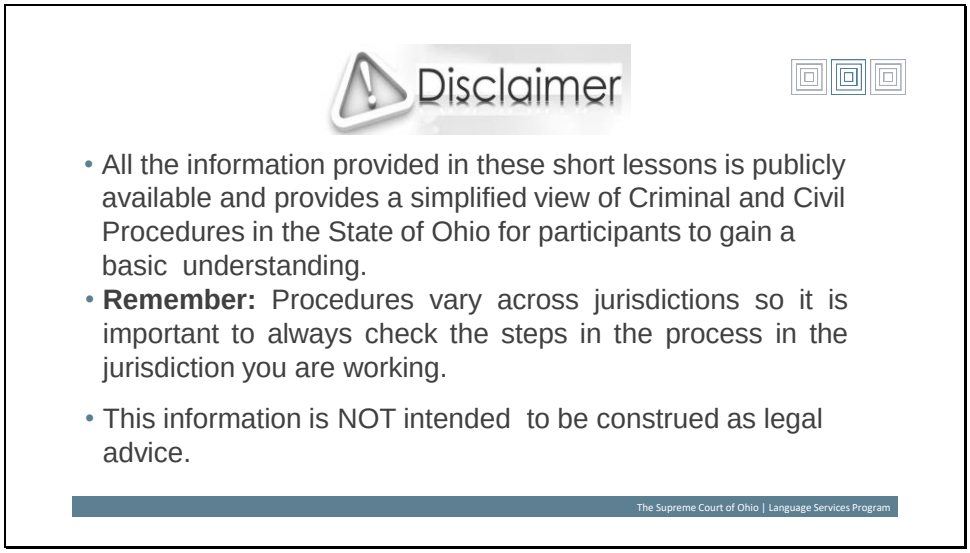
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Court Interpreter: 1st Person

- Interpreter's utterance is the voice of the speaker
- Interpreter's delivery shall be done in the first person

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Did He Really Say That?

- The witness uses profanity

- The witness keeps on switching codes

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But I Really Have Something to Say

- The interpreter's four magic words:
- "Excuse me, Your Honor."

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Court Interpreter: 3rd Person

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And Now, for the Record…

- The interpreter would like to state… for the record
- The interpreter stands by her interpretation
- The interpreter stands corrected

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But We Are Not on the Record

- “Interpreters shall behave professionally”
- Interactions with court personnel and parties
- It’s all about the code
- Always use the formal way to address people