

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INTERPRETER INFORMATION SHEET

- All interpretation and translation services must be provided in accordance with the Florida Evidence Code; Sixth Administrative Order No. 2015-058; 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 a 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. New contracts are effective July 1, 2018, with the possibility of renewals for up to three years.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing 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:
 - RID Specialist Certified: Legal (SC:L): \$80 per hour with a two-hour minimum.
 - RID National Interpreter Certification (NIC): \$70 per hour with a two-hour minimum.
 - Interpreter with other RID certification: \$70 per hour with a two-hour minimum
 - Interpreter not certified by RID, but otherwise found qualified by the Court: \$60 per hour with a two-hour minimum.
 - Flat fee of \$35 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 per day for travel time when travel is outside the county of interpreter’s home or office (no mileage will be paid).
 - Additional fees will be paid to interpreters when the Court cancels the scheduled services less than 48 hours before the scheduled service.

The Court is currently soliciting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Interpreters.

**ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF COURT COUNSEL AT
SixthCircuitContracts@jud6.org OR
501 1ST AVENUE NORTH, SUITE 1000, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701
NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018**