



*Arizona Superior Court
in Pima County
Office of the Court Interpreter*

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**PLAN FOR ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF COURT PARTICIPANTS
WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who receives interpreter services at Superior Court?

Answer: By June 2011, any victim, witness, plaintiff, respondent or defendant that needs interpreting in court will be provided services. See answer # 4 below for dates of service.

2. Who pays for interpreter services?

Answer: Until June 2011, if the Court cannot provide the services, parties in civil and domestic matters (Family Law, Probate, and Civil benches) may have to bear the cost of such services. From June 2010 to June 2011, the Court will strive to provide to eligible individuals free interpreter services taking into account the availability of resources.

3. How soon should I request interpreter services?

Answer: Requests for interpreter services should be made as soon as possible. Attorneys in non-criminal matters should make their request no more than 10 business days before a hearing, unless there are extraordinary circumstances.

4. When will interpreter Services be provided for the various legal benches?

Answer: The Criminal Bench now has full provision of interpreter services and criminal hearings and trials have priority because they are the most urgent to hear.
The Family Law Bench will begin towards the goal of full provision on **September 2010**; priority will be given to hearings involving children and where time is of the essence.
The Probate Bench will receive increased services in **January 2011**.
The Civil Bench will receive increased services beginning **June 2011**.

5. Are translation services provided just like interpretation services?

Answer: No. Until further notice, only court divisions or departments are eligible to receive translation services, unless a party applies to a court that issues a court order for services.

6. Who may interpret in hearings or translate documents for the Court?

Answer: Only individuals who are staff interpreters or are on the Office of the Court Interpreter Qualified List of Per Diems. Call **740-3888** for information on how to qualify to be on this list.

All other questions should be forwarded to the Office of the Court Interpreter at 740-3888.