

**RULE 25                    INTERPRETER OR TRANSLATOR**

**25.1            APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED INTERPRETE OR  
TRANSLATOR FOR NONENGLISH SPEAKING  
PERSON**

(1)            Pursuant to §476.803, the Court shall appoint qualified interpreters or translators in proceedings in which a non-English speaking person is a party or witness.

(2)            Any nonEnglish speaking party, or any party who intends to call as a witness a nonEnglish speaking person, shall provide written notice of the need for the appointment of a qualified interpreter or translator to the court as soon as possible, and in any event in sufficient time for the order for the appointment of a qualified interpreter or translator to be entered not later than ten (10) days prior to the proceedings in which the nonEnglish speaking person is to appear as a party or witness.

(3)            The party at whose behest an order for the appointment of a qualified interpreter or translator is entered shall file a copy of that order with the Judicial Administrator not later than ten (10) days prior to the proceedings in which the nonEnglish speaking person is to appear as a party or witness.

(4)            In a criminal case, upon receipt of an order for the appointment of a qualified interpreter or translator, the Judicial Administrator shall retain the necessary qualified interpreter or translator for the Court.

(5)            In a civil case, the Court, as a condition of entering an order for the appointment of a qualified interpreter or translator, may order one or more of the parties to deposit funds into the Registry of the Court in a specified amount reasonably necessary to cover the fees and expenses of the qualified interpreter or translator, as provided by §476.806. (See Rule 12.8. Deposit of Fee for Qualified Interpreter or Translator for NonEnglish Speaking Person.) The Judicial Administrator shall not retain the necessary qualified interpreter or translator for the Court until such funds are deposited as ordered.

(6) Any nonEnglish speaking party, or any party who intends to call as a witness a nonEnglish speaking person, may provide their own qualified interpreter or translator, at their own expense, with the approval of the Court.

(7) Any request to appoint a qualified interpreter or translator for a nonEnglish speaking person in a juvenile case shall be directed to the Office of the Family Court Administrator.