



**JUDGE MARGARET O'BRIEN**

Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 2, Place 1  
Dallas County

**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERPRETER**

**Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_ (No later than 10 business days prior to trial with payment)**

Requestor Name					
Requestor Contact Info	<i>Address</i>	<i>City/State</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
Language Requested					
Set Date and Time					
Case Number					
Plaintiff					
Defendant					

**\* The minimum fee must be paid no later than 10 business days prior to the scheduled court date.**  
Payment must be in the form of **cash or cashier's check** payable to "Dallas County, JP 2-1"

- A 3 business day notice is required for all cancellations to avoid responsibility for interpreter fees.

**INTERPRETER FEES**

<b>Certified Language</b>	<b>*Rate per 2-hour Session (minimum)</b>	<b>Rate per 1 hour after Minimum 2-Hour Session</b>

*For scheduling purposes, motions for an interpreter shall be presented to this office*

**NOTICE: A party may motion the court for an interpreter per the below.**

**Chapter 57 of the Government Code** requires licensed court interpreters and certified court interpreters to be appointed by the courts. The law defines the term "licensed court interpreters" and "certified court interpreters" and states: *A court shall appoint a certified interpreter or a licensed court interpreter if a motion for the appointment of an interpreter is filed by a party or requested by a witness in a civil or criminal proceeding in the court.*

**Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 183**, states, *"The court may appoint an interpreter of its own selection and may fix the interpreter's reasonable compensation. The compensation shall be paid out of funds provided by law or by one or more parties as the court may direct, and may be taxed ultimately as costs, in the discretion of the court."*

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