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Multilingual Interpretation Services Expanded For Litigants With Ltd. English Proficiency

Effective Jan. 1, 2015, the Los Angeles Superior Court began providing the services of a court interpreter to parties and witnesses in unlawful detainer (eviction), guardianship and conservatorship litigation at no cost without a fee waiver.

Additionally, the Court expanded the services of court interpreters to include litigants involved in family law and civil harassment without cost to the parties.

The Court continues to provide court interpreters—at no cost – to parties in criminal, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependence, mental health, domestic violence, elder abuse and traffic matters.

The Court provides interpreters at no cost to limited English proficiency (LEP) individuals who need such assistance under the following circumstances:

- For litigants and witnesses in criminal hearings;
- For litigants and witnesses in juvenile delinquency and dependency hearings;
- For litigants and witnesses in mental health hearings;
- For litigants and witnesses in hearings involving domestic violence and elder abuse;
- Family law and child support cases, subject to available resources;
- For litigants who need assistance when using family court services, subject to available resources; and
- For litigants in unlawful detainer, conservator and guardianship hearings.

Details about court interpreters' availability are found on the Court's website at www.lacourt.org on the opening page. # # #