

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Effective February 1, 2010, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has set the schedule of fees for freelance interpreter as follows:

FEDERALLY CERTIFIED AND PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS¹:

Full Day	\$388.00
Half Day	\$210.00
Overtime	\$ 55.00 per hour or part thereof

LANGUAGE SKILLED (NON-CERTIFIED) INTERPRETERS:

Full Day	\$187.00
Half Day	\$103.00
Overtime	\$ 32.00 per hour or part thereof

RATE INFORMATION:

- ◆ Interpreters are paid by the half-day or full-day regardless of the number of events or the number of different court units to which the interpreter may be assigned during that period. Interpreters are prohibited from charging different court units for any half-day or full-day for which he or she is already receiving payment from another court unit. When a contract interpreter provides services to one district and later provides services to a different district, divisional office, or court unit, it is the responsibility of the court interpreter to inform the courts. Accordingly, payment will be pro-rated: the first court receiving services should pay the half-day rate and the second court unit receiving services should pay the remaining portion up to the maximum allowed for the full-day rate, per the fee schedule above. Due to the nature of court proceedings, interpreters may spend time waiting for court to be called. Under these circumstances, interpreters should not be penalized for waiting time, as they have made their services available during the entire time negotiated with the court. A contract interpreter should be fully available to the court during the block of time being compensated.
- ◆ A half-day is any period of time up to four hours of service. The full-day rate compensates interpreters for any work beyond four hours and up to eight hours. It is important to clarify that the up-to-four-hour and over-four-hour and up-to-eight-hour blocks are not reliant on the time of day. Services provided beyond the noon hour do not automatically constitute a full-day. For example, an interpreter asked to report to court at 10:00 a.m. and dismissed before 2:00 p.m. is entitled to the half-day, not the full-day, rate.
- ◆ Overtime payments are payable only for time worked in excess of eight hours in one day, and overtime payments are not applicable to travel time.
- ◆ Per Diem will be paid only when an overnight stay is required due to the Court's distance from your residence and must be authorized by the Court or representative of the Clerk's Office. Contact the Clerk's Office for current per diem rates and information.

MILEAGE RATE:

Mileage Rate \$.56 per mile (as of 1/1/2014)

As of May 1, 2005, mileage and parking fees are payable only for interpreters commuting more than 30 miles one way from the contract interpreter's residence to the court location.

¹ Currently, the A.O.U.S.C. only offers certification in the languages of Spanish, Haitian Creole and Navajo. Persons acting as interpreter in these languages, who are not federally certified, must be paid at the "language skilled" rate.