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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2002-16

IN RE: COURT INTERPRETERS

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge is charged by rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, with general administrative responsibility over all courts within the judicial circuit and accordingly considers the following measures necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Court frequently must rely upon services of interpreters in court proceedings required under the Florida Rules of Court; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to establish certain criteria in the interest of eliminating rate disparities and so that private or freelance interpreters are treated uniformly; it is, therefore:

ORDERED that:

A. Any person appointed to perform interpreter services for the Court, shall place on file with the trial court administrator a resume outlining their credentials and documenting an expertise in their area of specialty as it relates judicial proceedings.

B. The following schedule of fees shall be uniformly applied throughout this circuit as an upper limit in all proceedings required to be reported and paid by a public authority.

1. APPEARANCES

A. $35 per hour or part of thereof during regular business hours.
B. $40 per hour or part thereof after regular business hours.
C. $140 per half day.
D. $245 for full day.

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2. TRAVEL EXPENSES.

A. Where applicable mileage, meals and per diem charges shall be authorized as provided in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

C. All applications by court interpreters for payment of services shall be submitted in accordance with conditions contained herein and in a format to be promulgated by the trial court administrator. Each application shall be approved as to performance by the ordering judge or authorized representative and thereafter approved as to fees by the trial court administrator.

D. Counsel are responsible for pre-determining the need for interpreter services at trial and for securing same.

E. This order shall not be construed to require dual compensation of staff positions in the event they are directed by a judge to translate pre-trial court proceedings.

F. Fees for interpreting services for the hearing impaired may exceed the rate specified in Section B. of this order.

G. Administrative Order 94-10, dated August 1, 1994, as amended, is hereby terminated.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Florida this 30th day of October, 2002

WILLIAM L. GARY
CHIEF JUDGE

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