



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
UNITED STATES COURTS

HONORABLE ROBERT J. CONRAD, JR.
Director

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20544

June 15, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Clerks, United States Courts
Chief Probation Officers
Chief Pretrial Services Officers

From: Judge Robert J. Conrad, Jr. 

RE: FISCAL YEAR 2027 FEES FOR CONTRACT COURT INTERPRETERS
(**INFORMATION**)

Pursuant to [28 U.S.C. § 1827](#), I am authorized to prescribe a new fee schedule for interpreter services, subject to periodic reviews. To keep pace with prevailing rates nationally, I am authorizing an increase in the maximum rates for contract court interpreters paid from the general authorization to become effective on October 1, 2026 as follows.

Federally Certified Interpreters:

Full-Day: \$ 617
Half-Day: \$ 349
Overtime: \$ 87

Professionally Qualified Interpreters:

Full-Day: \$ 540
Half-Day: \$ 305
Overtime: \$ 76

Language Skilled Interpreters:

Full-Day: \$ 382
Half-Day: \$ 207
Overtime: \$ 48

The half-day rate is paid for services up to and including four hours in one day; the full-day rate is paid for services in excess of four hours up to and including eight hours in one day; and the overtime/hourly rates apply if the workday exceeds eight hours, not including meal periods.

Courts may amend current contracts to incorporate these new maximum rates by preparing an [SF-30, Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract](#). If, following negotiations, an interpreter will not accept the established rates, the court should proceed to request authorization to exceed these rates from the Court Services Office (prior to the scheduled use of the interpreter) by submitting a “[Request for Authorization to Exceed Fee Schedule](#).”

If you have questions about the payment of court interpreters or other aspects of the court interpreting program, contact the Court Services Office at (202) 502-1500 or csso_court-interpreting@ao.uscourts.gov. If you have questions concerning the contracting process or contracting documents for court interpreters, please contact the [Procurement Management Division’s Procurement Analyst Support Team](#).

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