

**Subject:** court interpreters

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Please advise to the people that you are sending this email that neither the federal government or the State of Texas require any license or certifications for interpreters working in administrative hearings. U.S. District Courts require certified interpreters in criminal cases in 3 language pairs: Spanish<>English, Navajo<>English, and Creole French<>English. The Courts in Texas do require license to work in both civil and criminal cases.

Good seeing that you're well and active in our work.

Raquel

I believe it would be in the best interests of all parties if you were to help repeal the Texas interpreter licensing law. If a new one coerces only Spanish interpreters, many of whom appear to enjoy that sort of thing, I am prepared to accept such an outcome with equanimity.

The federal government deals with all of its interpreters on a voluntary basis, and that has been producing good results for many years.

Cheerfully,