

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
500 PEARL STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007

J. Michael McMahon  
Clerk

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Dear Per Diem Interpreter:

You have been compensated under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) as a per diem interpreter; therefore, please abide by the outlined rate schedule when providing services in CJA matters in the Southern District of New York.

The standard of reasonableness for interpreter services provided under the Criminal Justice Act will correspond to the rates established under the Court Interpreter's Act for certified, professionally qualified, and language skilled (non-certified) interpreters. Rather than an hourly rate, interpreters are paid on either a half-day or a full-day basis. The half-day rate is paid for services up to and including four hours in one day, and the full-day (daily) rate is paid for services in excess of four hours up to and including eight hours in one day. Overtime hourly rates apply only if the workday exceeds eight hours, not including meal periods, and are applicable to any hour or fraction thereof exceeding eight hours. Court interpreters may not charge any other federal court unit, federal public defender, or CJA panel attorney for any services or travel expenses rendered during the same half or full-day for which the interpreter has billed. Furthermore, no overlapping travel costs on the same day are allowed whether the assignment is performed only for NY-S, or for NY-S and any other government employer.

Please refer to the following rate schedule when claiming compensation for simultaneous interpreting:

Certified and Professionally Qualified Interpreters:  
Full-Day: \$364  
Half-Day: \$197  
Overtime: \$51 per hour or part thereof

The only languages for which there is certification are Spanish, Navajo, and Haitian Creole. If your services are for those languages, and you are non-certified, you must charge the following non-certified rates:

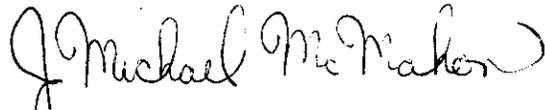
Language Skilled (Non-Certified) Interpreters:

Full-Day:	\$175
Half-Day:	\$94
Overtime:	\$29 per hour or part thereof

Please be sure to indicate in the description of and justification for services box on the voucher, your certification status and the language involved. The CJA clerk will ensure that each voucher conforms to the above rate schedule and will make the appropriate adjustments without notification.

Thank you in advance for your compliance. As always, the staff in the CJA Office is available to assist you if you require further clarification or have additional questions.

Very truly yours,



Michael McMahon  
Clerk of Court