

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COURT ) Administrative Order  
INTERPRETER PROGRAM ADVISORY ) No. 2015 - 95  
COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT )  
OF MEMBERS )  
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The Arizona’s Judicial Branch Strategic Agenda includes the goals of increasing the availability and quality of court interpreters and interpreter services, and developing strategies ensuring meaningful access to justice for all persons. A statewide Advisory Committee is needed to recommend policies for language access and credentialing of interpreters.

In accordance with ACJA § 1-104, the Chief Justice establishes advisory committees to the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC) to assist the Council in carrying out its responsibilities. Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution and ACJA §1-104,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. **Purpose:** The Committee, acting as an advisory committee to the Arizona Judicial Council, shall:
  - a. Consider the language access and credentialing guidelines established by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), and experiences from other states to make recommendations for implementing an Interpreter Credentialing Program in Arizona.
  - b. Review and make recommendations regarding program policies that improve the quality and availability of language interpreters.
  - c. Review and recommend changes, as needed, to the orientation, skills training, and continuing education programs for all language court interpreters.
  - d. Review and recommend changes, as needed, to the continuing education of judges and staff.

2. **Membership:** The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Committee beginning upon entry of this Order. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.
3. **Meetings:** All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings. Committee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Committee Chair.
4. **Staff:** That Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff to assist the Committee and to conduct or coordinate research as needed by the Committee.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2015.

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SCOTT BALES  
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A

COURT INTERPRETER PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Chair*

Hon. Don Taylor

Presiding Judge, Phoenix Municipal Court

*Members*

Diane Cullin Court Administrator Superior Court in Santa Cruz County	Juan Pablo Guzman Clerk of Court Superior Court in Santa Cruz County
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