

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: HOURLY RATE INCREASE FOR FREELANCE )  
SPANISH COURT INTERPRETERS AND MILEAGE )  
REIMBURSEMENT CHANGE FOR ALL FREELANCE )  
COURT INTERPRETERS )

**ORDER**

The Court, having received a recommendation to increase the hourly pay rate for freelance Spanish court interpreters and to adjust the mileage reimbursement policy for all freelance court interpreters serving at in-person assignments; the Court having approved those recommendations at Oral Conference on September 12, 2023; and, the Court being fully informed, and acting pursuant to Idaho Code sections 9-205 and 9-1603 which require the Court to determine a reasonable fee for court interpreter services and mileage reimbursement,

IT IS ORDERED that beginning on January 1, 2024, freelance Spanish court interpreters shall be compensated as follows:

- Certified – Master Level Spanish interpreters shall be paid at an hourly rate of at least \$53.00 (increased from \$44.00 per hour);
- Certified Spanish interpreters shall be paid at an hourly rate of at least \$50.00 (increased from \$39.00 per hour); and
- Conditionally approved Spanish interpreters shall be paid at an hourly rate of at least \$31.00 (increased from \$27.50 per hour).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that beginning on January 1, 2024, all freelance court interpreters shall be reimbursed for mileage as follows:

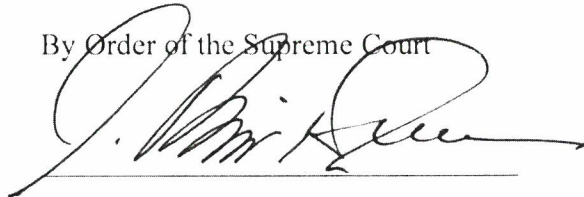
Mileage is paid for each mile after a court interpreter has traveled more than 20 miles for the assignment, as determined by Google Maps or similar web-based mapping application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order supersedes any conflicting compensation provisions outlined in the Idaho Court Interpreter Policy Manual. No other compensation changes are intended by this Order. As set forth in this Order, mileage reimbursement for all freelance court interpreters and hourly rates for freelance Spanish court interpreters, are minimum amounts for proper and adequate compensation for

services provided and mileage expenses incurred; however, this Order does not prohibit a court, county, or judicial district from compensating freelance court interpreters at a higher rate.


Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2023.

By Order of the Supreme Court



G. RICHARD BEVAN  
Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court

ATTEST:

  
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/  
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby  
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the  
Rate Increase Entry entered in the above entitled  
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my  
hand and the Seal of this Court December 21, 2023  
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By Corby Cole Deputy