

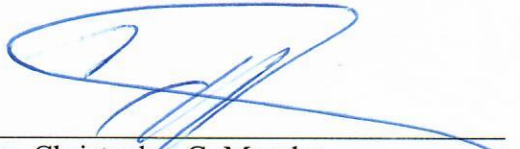
THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF FORT BEND       §


**ORDER ADOPTING AMENDED RATES FOR COURT INTERPRETERS FOR FORT BEND COUNTY COURTS AT LAW AND DISTRICT COURTS**

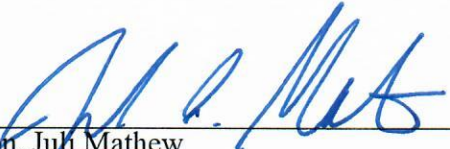
On this 8 day of April 2026, the Amended Rates for Court Interpreters for Fort Bend County Courts at Law and District Courts was presented for the approval of the Fort Bend County Courts at Law and District Court Judges.

It is hereby ORDERED that the Amended Rates for Court Interpreters for Fort Bend County Courts at Law and District Courts as attached herein as Exhibit "A" is adopted for use in the Fort Bend County Courts.

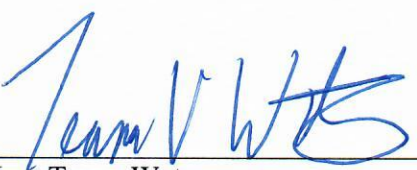
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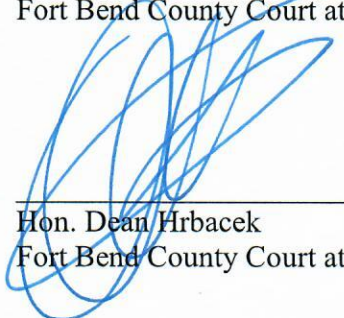
  
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Fort Bend County Court at Law, #1

  
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Hon. Tyra McCollum  
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Hon. Juli Mathew  
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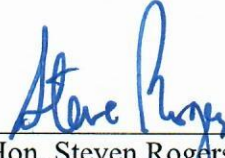
  
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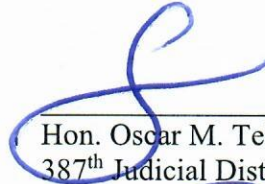
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240<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court



Hon. Steven Rogers  
268<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court



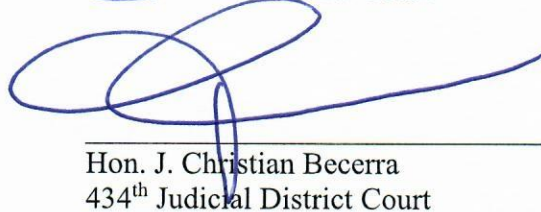
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328<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court



Hon. Oscar M. Telfair III  
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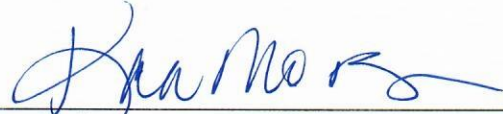


Hon. Edward M. Krenk  
400<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court



Hon. J. Christian Becerra  
434<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

Hon. Maggie Perez-Jaramillo  
458<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court



Hon. Kali Morgan  
505<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court



Hon. Richard T. Bell  
501<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court



Hon. Mark H. Hanna  
502<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court

# EXHIBIT A

**FORT BEND COUNTY OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS – AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR COURT INTERPRETERS**

<b>SPANISH</b>					
<b>Hearings/Bench Trials</b>	<b>MASTER</b> Texas Government Code §§ 157.101(d)(2)	<b>BASIC</b> Texas Government Code §§ 157.101(d)(1)	<b>QUALIFIED</b> Texas Government Code §§ 57.002(d)	<b>MAGISTRATE WEEKEND/RATES</b>	<b>MAGISTRATE HOLIDAYS</b> (New Years Day, Independence day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day)
<b>In-person</b>  *Two-hour minimum	<b>\$100/hr.</b>  \$25 for each additional 15- minute increment.	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>N/A</b>
<i>*For in-person hearings/ bench trials there will be a two-hour minimum. Hearings exceeding the two-hour minimum shall be paid at the rate shown above in 15-minute increments. These proceedings require a Master Licensed Court Interpreter at all times.</i>					
<b>Remote</b>  * One-hour minimum	<b>\$100/hr.</b>  \$25 for each additional 15- minute increment.	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$100/hr.</b>  Hearings exceeding the one-hour minimum shall be paid at a rate of \$25 for each additional 15- minute increment.	<b>\$120/hr.</b>  Hearings exceeding the one-hour minimum shall be paid at a rate of \$30 for each additional 15- minute increment.  (New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day)
<i>*For remote hearings/bench trials there will be a one-hour minimum. Hearings exceeding the one-hour minimum shall be paid at the rate shown above in 15-minute increments.</i>					
<b>JURY TRIALS (In-person)</b>					
<b>Half-day</b>  4 hrs.	<b>\$400</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>N/A</b>
<b>Full day</b>  8 hrs. (Not including lunch)	<b>\$800</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>N/A</b>
<i>In-person Jury trials require a team of two (2) MASTER LICENSED COURT INTERPRETERS.</i>					
<b>Court Services Other than Hearings or Trials (Interviews, Mental Health Assessments, etc.)</b>					
<b>Specialty Court Programs - Flat rate - \$70/hr. (one-hour min.)</b>					
<b>Telephonic rates</b> *15-min. minimum	<b>\$1.50/minute</b>	<b>\$1.00/minute</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>N/A</b>
<i>*Telephonic hearings or Court services exceeding the 15-minute minimum shall be paid at the rate stated above in one (1) minute increments.</i>					

**FORT BEND COUNTY OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS – AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR COURT INTERPRETERS**

<b>IDENTIFIED COMMON LANGUAGES OTHER THAN SPANISH (ARABIC, CHINESE, GUJARATI, HINDI, MALAYALAM, TAGALOG, URDU, VIETNAMESE)</b>					
<b>Hearings/Bench trials</b>	<b>MASTER</b> Texas Government Code 157.101(d)(2)	<b>BASIC</b> Texas Government Code 157.101(d)(1)	<b>QUALIFIED</b> Texas Government Code 57.002(d)	<b>MAGISTRATE WEEKEND RATES</b>	<b>MAGISTRATE HOLIDAYS</b> (New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day)
<b>In-person</b>  *Two-hour minimum	<b>\$120/hr.</b>  \$30 each additional 15-minute increment.	<b>\$85/hr.</b>  \$21.25 each additional 15-minute increment.	<b>\$60/hr.</b>  \$15 each additional 15-minute increment.	<b>N/A</b>	
<p align="center">(*) For in person hearings/jury trials there will be a two (2) Hour minimum. Hearings exceeding the two-hour minimum shall be paid at the rate shown above in 15-minute increments. These proceedings require a Master Licensed Court Interpreter when applicable. Basic/Qualified interpreters will be considered upon their credentials and experience.</p>					
<b>Remote</b>  *One-hour minimum	<b>\$120/hr.</b>  \$30 each additional 15-minute increment.	<b>\$85/hr.</b>  \$21.25 each additional 15-minute increment.	<b>\$60/hr.</b>  \$15 each additional 15-minute increment.	<b>\$120/hr.</b>  Hearings exceeding the one-hour minimum shall be paid at a rate of \$30 for each additional 15-minute increment.	<b>\$125/hr.</b>  Hearings exceeding the one-hour minimum shall be paid at a rate of \$31.25 for each additional 15-minute increment. (New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day)
<p align="center">For remote hearings/bench trials there will be a one-hour minimum. Hearings exceeding the one-hour minimum shall be paid at the rate shown above in 15-minute increments.</p>					
<b>JURY TRIALS (in-person)</b>					
<b>Half-day</b> 4 Hrs.	<b>\$480</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>Full day</b> 8 Hrs. (Not including lunch)	<b>\$960</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<p align="center"><i>In-Person Jury trials require a team of Master Licensed Court Interpreters (when applicable for those languages certifiable by JBCC (Judicial Branch of Certification Commission))</i></p>					
<b>Court Services Other than Hearings or Trials (Interviews, Health Assessments, etc.)</b>					
<b>Telephonic rates</b> *15-min. minimum	\$1.75/minute	\$1.40/minute	\$1.00/minute	N/A	
<p align="center">*Telephonic hearings or Court services exceeding the 15-minute minimum shall be paid at the rate stated above in one (1) minute increments.</p>					

**FORT BEND COUNTY OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS – AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE  
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<b>CANCELLATION FEES TO BE PAID BY THE OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS</b>	
<i>Every effort will be made by the Court to provide advance notice of cancellations. Where cancellations are made with less than 24 hour-notice (excluding official County holidays and weekends). The Office of Language Access shall pay contracted interpreters at the following rates:</i>	
In-Person hearings cancellations by the Court with less than 24-hour notice.	<b>\$200</b> or two-hour minimum
Remote hearings cancellations by the Court with less than 24-hour notice	<b>\$100</b> or one-hour minimum
Half-day Jury trial cancellations by the Court with less than 24-hour notice	<b>\$400</b> or Half-day (4 hours)
Full-day Jury trial cancellations by the Court with less than 24-hour notice.	<b>\$800</b> or Full-day (8 hours) or rate of the first day scheduled.

**No fee shall be paid by the Courts for cancellations made at least 24 hours prior. A court interpreter is deemed advised of cancellation when a court’s designated official delivers the notice of cancellation to the email address or phone number provided by the court interpreter.**

<b>OVERTIME</b>
Will be paid <b>only</b> when an assignment exceeds a full day (8hrs), not including lunch or dinner periods, and are applicable to any hour or fraction thereof exceeding eight (8) hours. Overtime compensation will be in fifteen-minute increments at <u>one and a half (1.5) times the hourly rate.</u>

<b>ALL OTHER LANGUAGES - LANGUAGES OF LESSER DIFFUSION</b>
Interpreter fees for less common languages are subject to flexibility depending upon market rates and other variables. The Court may negotiate in good faith to agree on a mutually acceptable interpreter service fee. The agreed upon rate shall be presented to the Court for approval. Based on current market standards, Interpreters appointed will receive a sum not to exceed \$1,200 for a full day of service at the discretion of the judge presiding. This rate shall be a maximum of \$150.00 per hour and shall follow the same standards provided in the fee schedule.

## **FORT BEND COUNTY OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS – AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE FOR COURT INTERPRETERS**

Interpreters may be entitled to travel expenses for miles traveled to and from the Courthouse from their residence or office. Expenses shall be charged on a per-mile basis and shall apply to miles traveled between the Contract Court Interpreter's residence or office (whichever is closest) and the location where the assignment will take place.

To be entitled to receive a travel reimbursement, the contract court interpreter must be on an ACTIVE assignment with Fort Bend County Courts. Travel expenses will not be paid if the court interpreter's residence or office is less than 30 miles from the court location.

**No mileage shall be paid for non-traveled miles.**

**All travel, mileage, and lodging (including approved meals) expenses will be set in accordance with the rate approved by Commissioners Court and as listed in the Fort Bend County Travel Policy in effect at the time services are rendered.**