

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Court Policy Memorandum (Administrative) Policy # C.10.7

May 15, 2008

TO: Judges and Commissioners
Executive Officer/Clerk

FROM: Richard T. Fields, Presiding Judge

SUBJECT: Contract/Independent Interpreter Fees

APPLICABILITY: Countywide

REFERENCE: Spring Countywide Judges Meeting - April 25, 2003

SUPERCEDES: Court Policy dated December 5, 2005

If a contract/independent interpreter fails to interpret in a professional and adequate manner, the court shall promptly notify the interpreter and the referring agency (if from agency) of the problem. If the problem persists or is of a serious nature the court will discontinue using the independent interpreter's services.

When an interpreter (contract or employee) has been scheduled for a specific matter at the request of counsel, and said counsel either appears late or does not appear at all, or is not ready to proceed and has failed to cancel the services of the interpreter, then the resulting interpreter fees shall be paid by the attorney who requested the interpreter.

In determining costs, the court shall consider the following fee schedule:

- Court Certified Spanish and Sign Language Interpreters – the current amount adopted by the Judicial Council for Region 4.
- Provisionally Qualified Spanish and Non-certified Spanish - not to exceed the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) current pay rate. Contact the appropriate interpreter coordinator to ascertain the daily rate charged.
- All Other Languages - rate may vary. Contact the appropriate interpreter coordinator to ascertain the daily rate charged.

Effective: Immediately

/s/
RICHARD T. FIELDS
Presiding Judge

Drafter's Notes:

The AOC establishes the payment guidelines for Contract Court Interpreters. The policy was revised to remove any dollar amounts so that when AOC rate changes occur, the approved AOC rate will automatically apply without the need to revise court policy.