

MEMORANDUM

TO: All attorneys practicing in the Ninth Judicial District
FROM: Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Robert H. Hobgood and
Chief District Court Judge Charles W. Wilkinson, Jr.
RE: Interpreter Rules
DATE: April 23, 2007

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of the “Policies and Best Practices for the use of Foreign Language Interpreting and Translation Services in the North Carolina Court System” published by the Administrative Office of the Courts, which were effective February 1, 2007. These rules (31 pages) can be found at:
<http://www.nccourts.org/Citizens/CPrograms/Foreign/Documents/guidelines.pdf>
or at the AOC website, www.nccourts.org then clicking on Interpreters. Items that you may want to note are found in Section 7.3 “Instances in which the State may not bear the cost of a Foreign Language Interpreter” (Page 23). Also, please note in Section 7.4, effective 2/1/07, the court shall assess a \$10 fee or the actual cost of the services, whichever is greater, to the defendant or other responsible party.

Attached are the amended Local Interpreter Rules for the Ninth Judicial District, which adopts the new AOC policies. If you have any questions concerning these policies, please contact Ella S. Wrenn, Trial Court Coordinator, 102 S. Main St., Louisburg, NC 27549. (919) 496-2445.