

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 09-09**

**Court Interpreting Services  
Vacates Administrative Order 09-04 and Administrative Order 98-12**

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired and Non-English Speaking Persons Act of 1987, (D.C. Code § 2-1901 *et seq.*) (the Act) was established to assist hearing-impaired, non-English, and limited English speaking persons as they participate in proceedings of the District of Columbia Court System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act provides that the presiding judge of any court of the District of Columbia may, and upon request shall, appoint a qualified interpreter to interpret court proceedings to, and to interpret the testimony in such proceedings of, hearing impaired, non-English, and limited English speaking persons participating in such proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act further provides that the presiding judge of any court of the District of Columbia may, and upon request shall, appoint a qualified interpreter to interpret court proceedings to the parents, guardian, or custodian of a minor who is a party; and

**WHEREAS**, the general policy of the Superior Court is to provide interpreting services to all hearing impaired and non-English and limited English speaking persons participating in court proceedings involving all case types in all divisions of the Superior Court, and to pay the cost for such services, unless the parties can afford it or if the cost of such services can be paid through private insurance;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**ORDERED** that Administrative Order 09-04 is **VACATED**; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that Administrative Order 98-12 is **VACATED**.

**THIS ORDER SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

**Date: July 10, 2009**

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/s/  
Lee F. Satterfield  
Chief Judge

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