

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC19-15

IN RE: ADVISORY WORKGROUP TO STUDY RECORDING OF
 LESSER-QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In accordance with *In Re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.430, 2.535, 2.560, & 2.565*, 244 So. 3d 1005 (Fla. 2018), this Court is considering whether to require the making and retention of audio recordings when a lesser-qualified interpreter¹ is appointed in a criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding. The Court, therefore, finds it appropriate to establish an advisory workgroup to study this matter, to submit a report regarding the need for and the feasibility of a pilot program to evaluate recording capabilities, and to suggest program parameters and participants for such a pilot.

1. “Lesser-qualified” interpreter, as used in connection with the withdrawn recording requirement proposals, means an interpreter appointed under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.560(e)(2) who has been registered with the Office of the State Courts Administrator for less than two years, or a nonregistered interpreter appointed under rule 2.560(e)(3).

The following individuals are hereby appointed to serve on the Advisory Workgroup to Study Recording Lesser-Qualified Interpreters for a term that expires on March 1, 2020:

The Honorable J. Kevin Abdoney
Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Chair, Court Interpreter Certification Board

Mr. Matthew Benefiel
Trial Court Administrator, Ninth Judicial Circuit

Mr. Noel Chessman
Trial Court Technology Officer, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Ms. Brenda Giessman
Manager of Electronic Court Reporting, Twentieth Judicial Circuit

Mr. Gary Hagan
Trial Court Technology Officer, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

Mr. John Lake
Trial Court Technology Officer, Third Judicial Circuit

Mr. Jonathan Lin
Trial Court Administrator, Fifth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Diana L. Moreland
Circuit Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Chair, Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability

Mr. Sunil Nemade
Trial Court Technology Officer, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

Ms. Kathleen Pugh
Trial Court Administrator, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

Mr. Stephen Shaw
Trial Court Technology Officer, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Margaret Steinbeck
Circuit Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit
Chair, Trial Court Budget Commission

Mr. Gary Hagan shall serve as chair to the advisory workgroup. The respective chairs of the Court Interpreter Certification Board, the Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability, and the Trial Court Budget Commission may select a designee to serve on the workgroup in their stead.

The advisory workgroup shall submit its findings and recommendations no later than March 1, 2020, to the chief justice through the state courts administrator.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on March 15, 2019.

Charles T. Canady
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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady
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ATTEST:

John Tomasino
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John Tomasino, Clerk of Court

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