

# How Do I Request an Interpreter?

If you are in need of a  
court interpreter for your  
case, please ask your  
attorney to request one,  
or you may contact the  
Court Interpreters Office:

863-534-7700

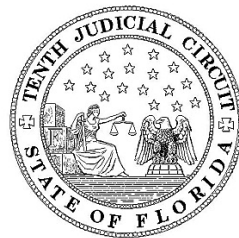
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## Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida

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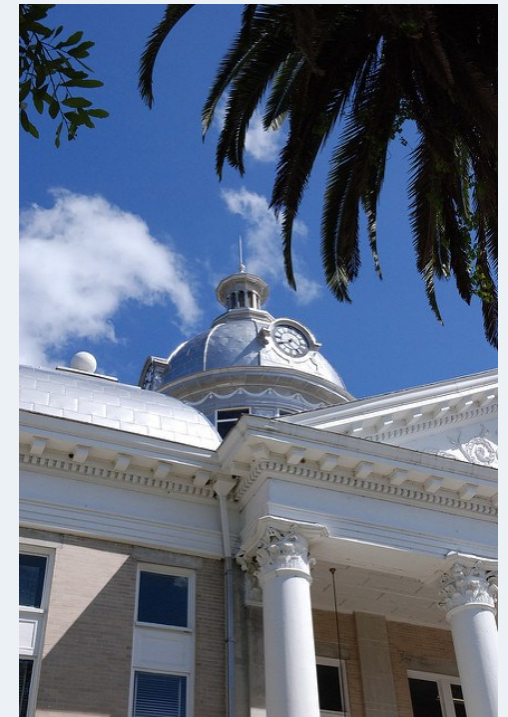
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Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties

Where Professionalism is a Priority

# The Role of the Court Interpreter in the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida

Hardee, Highlands, Polk Counties





## Do you need an interpreter?

The Tenth Judicial Circuit provides court interpreting services in many different languages. If you need an interpreter, notify the court or your attorney as soon as possible.

## WHAT THE COURT INTERPRETER WILL DO

- During a court proceeding, the court interpreter **will** help you to communicate with persons in the courtroom, including your attorney, court staff, and the judge.
- The court interpreter **will** interpret everything you say into English.
- The court interpreter **will** interpret everything said in court into your native language.
- The court interpreter **will** interpret everything that is said, without adding, omitting, or changing anything.

## WHAT COURT INTERPRETERS CANNOT DO

- Give legal advice
- Talk to you about your case
- Explain the meaning of words or what is happening in court
- Answer questions about what will happen in court
- Socialize or have private conversation with you or your family
- Receive payment for interpreter services

