



Illinois Supreme Court Language Access Policy

Going to court? Need an interpreter?

If you are more comfortable in a language other than English or are deaf or hard of hearing, Illinois courts are required to provide an interpreter at no cost to you for all court and related proceedings.

Who can request an interpreter?

To request an interpreter, you must be a:

- Party (a person who brings or defends a lawsuit);
- Witness;
- Victim in the case;
- Juror or spectator (sign language only);
- Parent or guardian of a minor party or victim; legal guardian of a party; or person who brings or defends a case on behalf of a minor or incompetent party.



How do I request an interpreter?

You have three options:

- Before court: fill out the Request & Order for an Interpreter form. You can find the forms at www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/.
- At court: tell the judge or judge's clerk in court that you need an interpreter; OR
- At any time you can go to the court administrator's or Circuit Clerk's office to ask for an interpreter.

If you have questions, you can contact Sophia Akbar at the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) at sakbar@illinoiscourts.gov.