

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Order Number 2011-15-Gen

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AS TO
COURT INTERPRETERS PROGRAM**

- (a) Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the chief judge shall “develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within that circuit.”
- (b) Florida statutes and rules of procedure establish the Courts duties and requirements for providing interpreters for court hearings and trials.
- (c) In accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is ordered:
- (1) The Trial Court Administrator shall operate a Court Interpreters Program and implement any and all procedures necessary to meet the requirements and duties established by law or rules of procedure for the provision of interpreters at court hearings and trials pursuant to Florida Statutes §§90.606. 90.6063 and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.560.
- (2) All foreign language interpreters shall provide services at the central courthouse unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Judge or Trial Court Administrator. If a foreign language interpreter is required for a court proceeding, which is not a trial or complex hearing, at a satellite courthouse the translation shall be provided via the remote interpreter system. If the foreign language interpreter is required for a trial

or complex hearing the case may be transferred to the central courthouse for further judicial action.

- (3) Any interpreter who is a State Courts System employee or contractor with the Circuit shall not interpret any audio recording, video recording, digital document, or written evidence which a party is introducing into evidence or referring to at a trial or hearing. If an audio recording, video recording, digital document, or written evidence is sought to be introduced or referenced at a trial or hearing it is the responsibility of the offering party to have the audio recording, video recording, digital document, or written evidence translated into English at the offering party's expense and provide the transcript of the English translation to the opposing party a reasonable amount of time prior to the trial or hearing. The party offering the audio recording, video recording, digital document, or written evidence shall provide to the Court at the trial or hearing the transcript of the English translation.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on March 24, 2011.

s/Victor Tobin
Victor Tobin, Chief Judge