



**District of Columbia Courts
Joint Committee on Judicial Administration
Washington, D. C. 20001**



JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 15-1

Language Access Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, access to justice requires the District of Columbia Courts to provide language interpretation and translation services to persons of limited English proficiency (LEP) in order to ensure that their cases are resolved fairly and effectively and that their rights and liberties are protected consistent with the mission of the D.C. Courts; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration has approved a Language Access Plan (LAP) developed by the D.C. Courts' Language Access Coordinator that is designed to eliminate language barriers to access that could undermine the ability of the Courts to achieve its mission; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the plan by the Court's Language Access Coordinator, as well as any ongoing efforts to improve the plan, would be greatly enhanced by input from those individuals who are most impacted by the plan, those responsible for implementing the plan, and those who have a demonstrated expertise and interest in ensuring access to public institutions by LEP individuals generally: It is THEREFORE,

ORDERED:

That a "Language Access Advisory Committee" is established for the purpose of advising the Courts' Language Access Coordinator on ways to implement and improve the D.C. Courts' Language Access Plan.

The Language Access Advisory Committee shall meet with the D.C. Courts Language Access Coordinator at least quarterly and shall consist of the following persons appointed by the Chief Judges of the Court of Appeals and the Superior Court:

A judge of the Court of Appeals or the Superior Court who is also a member of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Access to the District of Columbia Courts;

The Director of the Criminal Division, or a designee;

The Director of the Civil Division, or a designee;

The Director of the Family Court, or a designee;

The Register of Wills, or a designee;

An attorney from the General Counsel's Office;

The Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, or a designee;

Three representatives from the Consortium of Legal Service Providers in the District of Columbia who serve clients who are in significant numbers LEP individuals; and

The Chief Judges shall designate one member as the chairperson of the Language Access Advisory Committee.

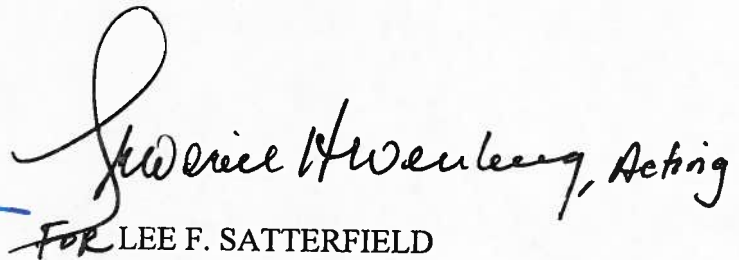
The members of the Language Access Advisory Committee shall serve a term of 3 years and are eligible for reappointment.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: November 3, 2015



ERIC T. WASHINGTON
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals



FOR LEE F. SATTERFIELD
Chief Judge of the Superior Court