

Supreme Court of Nevada  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS



## **ORAL PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (OPI)**

### **1. General OPI information**

The OPI is required for those prospective court interpreters who wish to interpret in a language for which no Consortium oral exam is available. A candidate may choose to be tested in his/her language of expertise by **Language Testing International** (“LTI”).

An interpreter who passes the Consortium written examination with a minimum score of 80 percent is eligible to take the OPI. The OPI is a telephonic interview test that measures how well a person speaks a language.

The OPI is designed as an interactive conversation and ‘role-play’ scenario, which adapts to the speaking ability of the prospective court interpreter who is being tested. The topics discussed vary, which allows concrete responses and assessment of each level of functional communication ability from the candidate taking the test.

The interview’s duration is approximately 30 minutes with a language professional. Each interview is digitally recorded and it is the property of each testing agency.

The interpreter must receive a score of ‘**Superior**’ rating according to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines for the LTI interview to pass the OPI certification for Nevada.

### **2. OPI registration**

The candidate will confer with the Administrative Office of the Courts Certified Court Interpreter Office coordinator arrange the OPI.

### **3. Dates and Scheduling Process**

All the interviews will take place in one of the two locations of the Nevada Administrative Office of the Courts (Carson City and Las Vegas). The addresses<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

- **Carson City** – Supreme Court Building, 201 South Carson Street, Ste. 250, Carson City, NV 89701
- **Las Vegas** – Supreme Court Building, 408 East Clark Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101

The OPI candidate may schedule his/her OPI with the Court Interpreter Program coordinator telephonically (775-887-9806) or via e-mail (kprentice@nvcourts.nv.gov) **anytime during the year**. The candidate is not allowed to bring pens, paper, dictionaries, recording devices, notes, or any other type of language references or aides into the testing area.

### **4. OPI results**

The final rating should be available within 2 weeks of the interview.

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