



Eliminating Barriers to Justice IV [EBJ4]:

Comparison of Language Access in Federal Forums
and Georgia Practice &
Comprehensive Law and Policy Update
Regarding Access to Justice in
Georgia's Civil Justice System

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Georgia State University College of Law

This free* 4-hour CLE will address evolving access to justice challenges for Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons and persons with disabilities in Georgia courts as well as federal courts. The event features nationally-recognized access to justice experts and prominent Georgia access to justice stakeholders, including:

- Hon. P. Harris Hines, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
- Hon. Nels Peterson, Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
- Christine Stoneman, Esq., Section Chief of the U.S. DOJ Federal Coordination and Compliance Section (Washington, D.C.)
- Brian D. "Buck" Rogers, Esq., President, State Bar of Georgia

Seminar Topics Include:

Language Access and Federal Practice: This panel will discuss the contrasts of language access in federal practice as opposed to practice in Georgia courts. Panelists will provide best practice tips for effective federal practice (prosecution/plaintiff & defense) when an attorney has a litigant or witness with a disability or is LEP. This panel will also include discussion of language access through the lens of professional attorney responsibility in accordance with the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct and ABA Model Rules.

Georgia Practice and Comprehensive Law and Policy Update Regarding Access to Justice in Georgia's Civil Justice System: This panel will provide a comprehensive update on Georgia law and policy regarding language access and access to justice. Panelists will discuss the Council of State Court Judges' 2016 bench book chapter on interpreters now adopted for use by the Georgia Superior, Magistrate, Municipal, and Probate Courts; the Supreme Court of Georgia's recent revisions to Uniform Superior Court Rule 7.3 (relating to interpreters), which introduces new notice requirements and clarification on court obligations regarding the provision of foreign and sign language interpreters; and the release of the Judicial Council of Georgia Access, Fairness, Public Trust and Confidence Committee (AFPTCC) 2017 court guide for working with persons with disabilities (and forthcoming mental health supplement); among others.

Justice For All [J4A] Task Force Sneak Peak: This break-out session will dive into the details of the J4A Taskforce and its strategic plan for addressing civil access to justice issues in Georgia. Members of the Taskforce will discuss several components it is considering for the strategic plan, with a particular focus on how those plans relate to language access.

Presented By:

Supreme Court of Georgia Commission on Interpreters

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Questions?

Please contact **Jana J. Edmondson-Cooper, EBJ4 Co-Chair**, at

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*Registration required. No cost to register. Attendees will be required to self-report and pay for Georgia CLE hours desired. General and Ethic credits applied for. Lunch provided. Lunch and program materials not guaranteed to persons who register after the deadline