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Court Interpretation: Model Guides for Policy and Practice in the State Courts

Chapter 1 – a brief account of why court interpreting is a significant management issue for the courts

Chapter 2 – a guide to interpreting terminology

Chapter 3 – a generic, but highly detailed account of the knowledge and skills interpreters need

Chapter 4 – guides for the design of training workshops for interpreters

Chapter 5 – an overview of standards for court interpreter proficiency testing

Chapter 6 – a judges' guide to recommended standards for the conduct of interpreted proceedings

Chapter 7 – a judges' guide to special issues related to interpretation for the deaf or hearing impaired

Chapter 8 – telephone interpreting

Chapter 9 – a recommended code of professional conduct for court interpreters

Note: This code has been adopted by several states

Chapter 10 – recommended basic elements that should be considered for inclusion in state policy

Chapter 11 – action plans for strengthening interpreter services

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State Court Journal - Overcoming the Language Barrier: Achieving Professionalism in Court Interpreting

"Court Interpreting: View from the Bench"

"The Courtroom Interpreter: A User's Guide and Checklist"

"Specifically for Judges...Recommended Readings and a Videotape"

"Court Interpreting for Deaf Persons: Culture, Communication, and the Courts"

"Beyond the Language Barrier, or "You Say You Were Eating an Orange?""

"A Court Interpreting Proficiency Test at a Glance: What It Looks Like and How It Is Developed"

"Improving Court Interpreting Services: What the States Are Doing"

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Working with Interpreters
Interpreters: Their Impact on Legal Proceedings**

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