

Sign Language and Foreign Language Interpreters

Help with the cost of sign language interpreters.

- There is a **tax credit of 50% of the cost, up \$10,250**, if the disability related modification exceeds \$250. (For more details, see the article by Hannah Vaughn, in the NCBA Elder Law and Special Needs Section newsletter of December 2015.)
- The N.C. State Bar has a fund that will **reimburse attorneys up to \$300/client** for sign language interpretation. The [application](#) is on the State Bar website.¹ The Bar's Board of Paralegal Certification handles the process.

Locating foreign language interpreters.

There are several good resources for attorneys or mediators who need to hire language interpreters:

- Language Line Solutions at: www.languageline.com/solutions/interpretation/telephone-interpretation/.
- The Association of Language Companies has a directory of interpretation services at: <http://www.alcus.org/search/custom.asp?id=4134>.

A list of Certified Spoken Foreign Language Interpreters is on the N.C. Courts website, <http://www.nccourts.org/LanguageAccess/Documents/StateFederallyCertifiedInterpreters.pdf> and a Registry of Spoken Foreign Language Interpreters by court district is at: www.nccourts.org/languageaccess/documents/spanishforeignlanguageregistry.pdf.

¹ <http://www.ncbar.com/PDFs/Request%20for%20Reimbursement.pdf>. Assistant Director Joy Belk, NCCP, handles these requests. She is at [919-828-4620](tel:919-828-4620) or jbelk@ncbar.gov. The Board is at: www.nccertifiedparalegal.gov.