

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

CJA Interpreter Rates

OUT-OF-COURT SERVICE

Federally Certified Interpreters

Effective 01/01/23 **\$566 Full Day/\$320 Half Day/\$80 OT (excess of 8 hours in a day)**
\$70.75/Hourly

Language Skilled (Non-Federally Certified) Interpreters

Effective 01/01/23 **\$350 Full Day/\$190 Half Day/\$44 OT (excess of 8 hours in a day)**
\$43.80/Hourly

Any exception to the above rates must be approved (via court order) by a District or Magistrate Judge.

Mileage Rates

01/01/25 to current .70
01/01/24 to 12/31/24 .67

INTERPRETER SERVICES: Must be claimed on Form CJA-21 (to be initiated by the CJA attorney through eVoucher at www.gand.uscourts.gov - For Attorneys, <https://www.gand.uscourts.gov/attorneys>).

Prior approval from the assigned judge must be obtained for any service in excess of \$1000 (cumulative). Appointed counsel is responsible for obtaining approval prior to rendering services. Form CJA-21 requires approval by the 11th Circuit if interpreter fees exceed \$3000 per individual interpreter.

Interpreters may charge a minimum of the applicable half day rate; any time in excess of four hours should be charged hourly, billed in tenths of hour. This includes drive time. Once eight hours is reached, the full day rate applies.

Service provided in excess of eight hours, excluding meal periods, is considered overtime, and the overtime rate applies. The interpreter must actually work in excess of 8 hours to bill the overtime rate.

Interpreters who interpret for more than one defendant during a half day period should bill hourly for each defendant. Hourly fee charges should be prorated or distributed among each defendant. Travel expenses should not be prorated but should be placed on one voucher for that day with an explanation included. Interpreters must not bill service and travel time that was charged to other federal entities for the same period.

The half and full day rates do not apply for telephone interpreting when no travel is required. Telephone/video calls must be billed hourly, but the interpreter may round up to the nearest hour.

The rate of \$0.165 per word applies for general document translation. The method for calculating translation costs is to multiply the document's number of words by the rate per word. Audio transcription/translation must be billed hourly (\$70.75 for federally certified interpreters, \$43.80 for language skilled interpreters).