

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
) No. GAO 26-01
)
) Re: KCDC Court Hearings
Interpreter Services Use

Interpreters hired by King County District Court (Court) are for the use of the Court and defendants needing interpreter services during Court hearings. It is critical to the efficient administration of justice that interpreters be available to assist with hearings.

Court interpreters may only be used by defense counsel for brief conversations (less than five minutes) with clients regarding the instant hearing. Defense counsel may not use Court interpreters during out-of-custody Court hearings for things such as lengthy discussions with clients, translations of documents, and review of discovery, plea forms, and other dispositional documents without the express permission of the judge.

Done this 19th day of March, 2026



Rebecca C. Robertson, Chief Presiding Judge
King County District Court