

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and upon consultation with and approval by the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend, effective May 1, 2015, section 217.1(a) of the Uniform Civil Rules for the Supreme and County Courts, relating to access to court interpreter services for persons with limited English proficiency, as follows:

§217.1 Obligation to appoint interpreter in court proceedings in the trial courts.

(a) In all civil and criminal cases, when a court determines that a party or witness, or an interested parent or guardian of a minor party in a Family Court proceeding, is unable to understand and communicate in English to the extent that he or she cannot meaningfully participate in the court proceedings, the court shall appoint clerk of the court or another designated administrative officer shall schedule an interpreter from an approved list maintained by the Office of Court Administration. The court may permit an interpreter to interpret by telephone or live audiovisual means. If no pre-approved interpreter is available, the clerk of the court or another designated administrative officer shall schedule an interpreter as justice requires. This rule shall not alter or diminish the court's authority and duty to assure justness in proceedings before it.



Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: April 9, 2015

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