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New York State Courts Celebrate Court Interpreters' Vital Work

NEW YORK—Highlighting court interpreters' fundamental role in daily court operations and the delivery of justice, Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George proudly designate Tuesday, September 30 as the Unified Court System's (UCS) first annual New York State Court Interpreter Recognition Day, with celebratory events to be held in judicial districts across New York's 62 counties to honor this highly valued profession central to the court system's access to justice mission.

"This special day marks the culmination of a month-long campaign underscoring court interpreters' integral role in safeguarding due process rights and advancing access to justice," said Judge Zayas. "Day after day, in courtrooms and court facilities throughout New York's urban, suburban, and rural communities, our court interpreters work tirelessly to ensure clear communications for persons with limited English proficiency or hearing impairments, enhancing their engagement in court proceedings and providing for better outcomes in a wide range of civil, criminal, and family matters, often with life-changing consequences."

"Each year, UCS interpreters provide language services to nearly 500,000 litigants and other court users and, with New York's language diversity, the need for court interpreter services has never been greater," said Judge St. George. "We are grateful to our highly trained UCS interpreters for their immense contributions and encourage bilingual and multilingual students and others to learn more about this meaningful career path, as well as current interpreter opportunities within the New York State Courts."

For details about New York State Court Interpreter Recognition Day events or to learn more about the role and responsibilities of New York State Court System interpreters, please contact OCA's Public Information team at publicinformation@nycourts.gov.

Further information about court interpreter career paths and current interpreter opportunities is available online at <https://ww2.nycourts.gov/courtinterpreter/become.shtml> or <https://ww2.nycourts.gov/careers/opportunities.shtml>.

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