Written Declarations under Rule 2.565

In instances when an attorney or self-represented litigant is unable, after diligent search, to secure the services of a Certified, Language Skilled, Provisionally Approved, or otherwise Registered Interpreter, subdivisions (d) and (e) of Rule 2.565 require submission of a written declaration to the Office of the State Courts Administrator. See <u>SC15-1594</u>, In Re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, effective October 1, 2015.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

If an action is pending in the courts or an administrative forum:

- 1. Complete and print the <u>Verified Written Declaration Form</u>.
- 2. For requested jurisdiction data on page 2, indicate county or circuit in which pending action has been filed.
- 3. Sign and date the form and email a copy to the Office of the State Courts Administrator at Rule2.565Declarations@flcourts.org.
 - This e-mail address is for submission of the written declaration only, not for inquiries.
- 4. File the original declaration.
- 5. Serve a copy to all other parties and furnish a copy to the proposed interpreter.

If no action is pending at the time interpreter services are provided:

- 1. Complete and print the Verified Written Declaration Form.
- 2. Sign and date the form, and email a copy to the Office of the State Courts Administrator at Rule2.565Declarations@flcourts.org.
 - This e-mail address is for submission of the written declaration only, not for inquiries.
- 3. Retain the original declaration for your files.
- 4. Serve a copy of the declaration on the non-English-speaking or limited-English-proficient person at the time interpreter services are provided.

Please be advised Certified, Provisionally Approved, Language Skilled, and Registered interpreters may be located online at:

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