

ORDER

9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF RAPIDES

STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS the Louisiana Supreme Court signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice mandating that all courts phase-in a language access program that provides language assistance services at no cost to limited English proficient (LEP) individuals in all state court proceedings and operations,

WHEREAS the Louisiana Supreme Court adopted a statewide Language Access Plan that, among other things, required the adoption of a language access plan in each court, and

WHEREAS federal law requires that courts provide language assistance services to LEP individuals, including court interpreters, at no cost to the individual.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the 9th Judicial District Court appoints a Language Access Coordinator who is responsible for coordination language assistance services in the 9th Judicial District Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 9th Judicial District Court shall submit the name of its appointed Language Access Coordinator and all relevant contact information to the Supreme Court's Office of Language Access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 9th Judicial District Court shall advise the Supreme Court's Office of Language Access if a new Language Access Coordinator is appointed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 9th Judicial District Court's Language Access Coordinator will cooperate with the Supreme Court's Office of Language Access to implement the statewide language access plan and will remain responsive to individual requests for language assistance services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 9th Judicial District Court adopts the attached Language Access Plan for the 9th Judicial District Court and shall periodically review and adopt new language assistance services policies and procedures as required by law.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED on the 5th day of August 2022, in Alexandria, Parish of Rapides, Louisiana.



CHIEF JUDGE MARY L. DOGGETT

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