

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 04-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 04-38**

**IN RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE
INTERPRETATION, TRANSLATION AND
SIGN LANGUAGE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that due process is afforded to all litigants in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, there is a continuing need to provide foreign language interpretation, translation and sign language services; and

WHEREAS, while this Circuit has in-house interpreters, given the volume and special needs of the requests for such services, the Circuit has historically retained independent interpreters ("Independent Interpreters") to provide assistance in this regard; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the Article V revisions, the Circuit is now required to enter into written contracts with the Independent Interpreters; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit intends to have such contracts executed by October 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, until such time as the contracts are duly executed, the Office of the State Courts Administrator Florida Supreme Court has agreed to pay the invoices for the Independent Interpreters based upon the authorization for such payment provided by the Circuit;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. The Office of the State Courts Administrator Florida Supreme Court is authorized to pay the invoices submitted by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for Independent Interpreters who provided foreign language interpretation, translation, and sign language services for the period covering July 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004.
2. Unless determined otherwise, the Circuit will enter into written contracts for such services, effective October 1, 2004.

This Order shall take effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2004.

**JOSEPH P. FARINA, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

