

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT)
OF CONTRACT COURT INTERPRETERS)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2013-197

Whereas, the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County is experiencing an urgent need for qualified English<>Arabic interpreter/translator owing to a demand for interpretation services for Arabic speaking defendants, victims and witnesses, and lack of availability of current contractors; and

Whereas, the existing court interpreter vendors do not have qualified and reliable Arabic language interpreters/translators;

Due to these circumstances and the urgency in providing interpretation services to judicial divisions and other vital court programs, it is necessary to temporarily engage the services of qualified providers. This action will avoid delays and continuances of cases requiring English<>Arabic interpretation/translation services. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Ms. Sonia Nasief, employee of Midwest Interpreting/Translation Services (MITS), be allowed to work as an English<>Arabic contract court interpreter/translator during the period of December 10, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
2. Ms. Sonia Nasief, employee of Midwest Interpreting/Translation Services (MITS), be compensated at the rate of \$75.00 per hour for in-person assignments, with a minimum of 8 hours per day. For telephonic interpretation, the rate will be \$45.00 for the first 30 minutes, then \$1.50 per minute thereafter. All travel, lodging and ground transportation expenses will be borne by the Court. In addition, Sonia Nasief will receive a per diem of up to \$50.00 per day provided that receipts are submitted with invoice.
3. Ms. Sonia Nasief, employee of Midwest Interpreting/Translation Services (MITS), be compensated for transcription/translation at a rate of \$0.26 per word for translation and \$95.00 per hour for transcription.
4. Ms. Sonia Nasief, employee of Midwest Interpreting/Translation Services (MITS), be exempt from providing proof of liability and professional insurance.

5. Ms. Sonia Nasief, employee of Midwest Interpreting/Translation Services (MITS), abide by the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct for Court Interpreters established by this Court.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2013.

/s/ Norman J. Davis

Norman J. Davis
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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