

AVOIDING LIABILITY PITFALLS: MANAGING A FREELANCE INTERPRETING PRACTICE

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2022

6:00PM – 8:00 PM EST
ONLINE – VIA ZOOM



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Workshop Description

This seminar is for sign language interpreters who maintain or want to establish a freelance interpreting practice. The seminar will discuss tools and strategies for decision making that can withstand legal challenges. The seminar will explain the concepts of tort liability for professional errors and the benefits and limitations of liability insurance. Finally, the session will include a discussion of corporate structures available to freelance interpreters to mitigate exposure to liability. Participants will have the opportunity to work through scenarios and discuss the range of decisions and rate the amount of legal exposure from various courses of action.

Presented in English.

Educational Objectives

- Interpreters will be able to explain the elements of a professional malpractice action.
- Interpreters will be able to apply a decision-making framework to various scenarios and discuss the resulting exposure to liability.
- Interpreters will be able to state two benefits or negative aspects of liability insurance.
- Interpreters will be able to explain the difference between a sole proprietorship, a limited liability corporation, an S corporation and a C corporation.

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Presenter Bio

Carla M. Mathers practiced law in Maryland and the District of Columbia for over twenty years. She currently is an independent consultant teaching legal interpreters and interpreting in legal settings. Ms. Mathers' law degree is from Howard University School of Law. Ms. Mathers' interpreting degree is from the College of Southern Idaho. She currently serves on the District of Columbia Courts Language Access Advisory Committee, the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Legal Interpreting Credential Task Force and the National Association of the Deaf's Video Remote Interpreting in Court Task Force. Ms. Mathers previously sat on the Advisory Group for Language Access to develop standards for language access in courts for the American Bar Association. Ms. Mathers also sat on the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts' Advisory Committee on Interpreters Sub-committee on Ethics and Sub-committee on Testing and Training. Ms. Mathers formerly served as the Legal Program Coordinator for MARIE Center/DOIT Center at the University of Northern Colorado. She served as an adjunct instructor for the Gallaudet University Department of Interpretation teaching legal interpreting. She served as Vice President for the Conference of Interpreter Trainers and sat on the Board of Directors for the Deaf Abused Women's Network in Washington, D.C. Ms. Mathers is the author of *Sign Language Interpreters in Court: Understanding Best Practices*, a text for interpreters, attorneys and courts to understand the principles underlying ASL court interpreting.

Registration Details

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Registration Form

Avoiding Liability Pitfalls: Managing a freelance interpreting practice.

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Online via Zoom – link to be sent to registrants.

Online registration available @

<https://forms.gle/oWL1LdD6bjx826HB9>

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