



Tip of the Month – January 2009

Recent Changes to Court Rules Involving Interpreters

(Effective March 1, 2009)

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The Minnesota Supreme Court recently promulgated new rules related to the use of interpreters in District Court cases.¹ The changes were made in order to allow for the scheduling of interpreting services at hearings and trials.

General Rules of Practice for the District Court 8.13 requires that parties shall in the Informational Statement or Joint Statement of the Case, and as otherwise may be required by court rule or order advise the court in advance of a hearing or trial where an interpreter is required. Rule 8.13 also requires that parties advise the court if previously requested interpreting services are no longer needed. General Rule of Practice 111.02 & Form 111.02 (The Party's Informational Statement), Rule 111.03 (Scheduling Order), Rule 112.02 & Form 112.01 (Joint Statement of the Case) were modified to reflect these changes. **These new rules take effect: March 1, 2009.**

For additional information about the changes or to read comments to the rules please read the Supreme Court Order at

<http://www.mncourts.gov/?page=NewsItemDisplay&item=44222>.²

¹ Order No. CX-89-1863 filed December 23, 2008.

² This link is to the news section of the MN Judicial Branch website. Recent rules orders of the MN Supreme Court are listed at <http://www.mncourts.gov/default.aspx?page=511#generalRules>. As of 1/15/2009 the order discussed in this tip has not yet been posted to Recent Rules Order section of this page.