



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Office of the Court Administrator  
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 89-2007

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS,  
SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX  
APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS,  
SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS,  
METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS,  
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES,  
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL  
CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A CIRCUIT  
COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE  
PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE  
PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR  
TO ACT ON AND APPROVE REQUESTS OF  
LOWER COURTS FOR THE HIRING OF SIGN  
LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

For the information and guidance of all concerned, quoted hereunder is Memorandum Order No. 59-2004 dated 10 September 2004, to wit:

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**WHEREAS**, some cases before trial courts may involve parties or require witnesses who, to be fully understood and prevent possible miscarriage of justice, may require a sign language interpreter; and

**WHEREAS**, in such cases, the trial judge has to request the Supreme Court, through the Office of the Court Administrator, to hire the services of a sign language interpreter. The Court Administrator would, thereafter, recommend to the Court the hiring of the sign language interpreter. The procedure may cause delays.

**WHEREFORE**, in the interest of the service, the Court Administrator is hereby authorized to act on and grant requests of trial court judges to hire the services of sign language interpreters in actions or proceedings where such services would be rendered.

The Court Administrator may affix the fee of the sign language interpreter on a per day or per appearance basis, and such

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expenditure shall be chargeable against the savings in appropriations  
for the Lower Courts.

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September 14, 2007



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Court Administrator

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