## COURT OF APPEAL FOURTH CIRCUIT STATE OF LOUISIANA

## ORDER

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice mandating that all courts phase-in a language access program that provides language assistance services at no cost to limited English proficient (LEP) individuals in all state court proceedings and operations;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court adopted a statewide Language Access Plan that, among other things, required the adoption of a language access plan in each court;

WHEREAS, federal law requires that courts provide language assistance services to LEP individuals, including court interpreters, at no cost to the individual.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit appoints a Language Access Coordinator who is responsible for coordinating language assistance services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit shall submit the name of its appointed Language Access Coordinator and all relevant contact information to the Supreme Court's Office of Language Access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit shall advise the Supreme Court's Office of Language Access if a new Language Access Coordinator is appointed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit's Language Access Coordinator will cooperate with the Supreme Court's Office of Language Access to implement the statewide language access plan and will remain responsive to individual requests for language assistance services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit adopts the attached Language Access Plan and shall periodically review and adopt new language assistance services policies and procedures as required by law.

Given under our hands and seal this August, 2021, New Orleans, Louisiana.

James F. McKay, III

Chief Judge