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§ 255 Services to the Hearing Impaired and Others with Communication Disabilities

(a) Under Judicial Conference policy, a court must provide sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids and services to participants in federal court proceedings who are deaf, hearing impaired or have communication disabilities, and may provide these services to spectators when the court deems appropriate (JCUS-SEP 95, p. 75). This policy provides for services in addition to those required by the Court Interpreters Act (28 U.S.C. § 1827).

(b) The court should honor a participant's choice of auxiliary aid or service, unless it can show that:

- (1) another equally effective means of communication is available, or
- (2) use of the means chosen would result in:
 - a fundamental change in the nature of the court proceeding, or
 - an undue financial or administrative burden.