

An individual with hearing loss will be participating in the matter about to be heard in your courtroom. CART is a communication access tool for persons with hearing loss who cannot communicate using sign language.



For more information on CART or a listing of CART providers in your area, visit

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Communication

Access

Realtime

Translation



What is a CART Provider?

**CART Provider/Interpreter for
the Deaf or Hearing Impaired**

Legal Settings

**A CART Provider/Interpreter is a
specially trained realtime
stenographer who acts solely as an
interpreter for persons with
hearing loss.**

The CART Provider/Interpreter will:

- Require sufficient time and space to set up their equipment
- Require access to a safe electrical outlet
- Require seating within close proximity of the person with hearing loss
- Require access to the Court file in order to build a job-specific dictionary of proper names and terminology for a more accurate translation
- Display in realtime all spoken English and environmental sounds
- Provide CART for all proceedings in the courtroom which involve the person with hearing loss; i.e., deliberations and verdict, off-the-record discussions, attorney-client discussions, etc.

The CART Provider/Interpreter will NOT:

- Act as the official court reporter
- Read back testimony
- Maintain a transcript of any kind
- Answer any trial-related questions
- Advocate for the person with hearing loss



**The CART Provider/Interpreter
needs to be sworn in as an interpreter
as follows:**

**“You do solemnly swear or affirm to
accurately translate the spoken
English into realtime translation to
the best of your ability, so help you
God?”**



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