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Language Access Educational Webinar Sessions

Overview of Language Access Services in the Courts and Recent Innovations – Agenda

March 17, 2021 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM PT

Moderator: **Hon. Victor A. Rodriguez** – Judge, Alameda Superior Court; Chair of the Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness Language Access Subcommittee

Panelists: **Michele Minsuk** – Interpreter Services Manager and Federally and California-State Certified Spanish Court Interpreter, Alameda Superior Court

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Description: Improving language access for limited English proficient (LEP) court users continues to be a key initiative for courts in both California and nationwide. In this session, panelists will provide an overview of language access services available in the courts, highlighting specific recent initiatives the courts have taken to expand access to the courts for linguistically diverse court users throughout California, such as through technology and outreach efforts. Of particular interest will be strategies employed by courts to serve LEP court users during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Registration: To register to participate in the webinar, visit:

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