

**CHAMBERS PROCEDURES: JUDGE ELIZABETH E. BROWN  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**Interpreters**

Unfortunately, due to government budget concerns, the Court is not able to provide or pay for interpreters in bankruptcy proceedings. Therefore, the parties are responsible for providing interpreter services if such services are necessary for court proceedings. Any party intending to use an interpreter at a court hearing should notify the Court in advance of the hearing.

At the hearing, Judge Brown will conduct a *voir dire* examination or questioning of the interpreter's qualifications. Examples of questions that may be asked of the interpreter include:

- Do you have any particular training or credentials as an interpreter?
- What is your native language?
- How did you learn English?
- How many times have you interpreted in court?
- Have you interpreted for this type of hearing or trial before?
- Are you familiar with the code of professional responsibility for court interpreters?
- Are you a potential witness in this case?
- Do you know or work for any of the parties?

The interpreter will be required to take an oath before interpreting any witness testimony.

For information about obtaining an interpreter for a meeting of creditors under 11 U.S.C. § 341, see the website for the U.S. Trustee's Office, <http://www.justice.gov/ust/limited-english-proficiency-information>