

HUNT COUNTY COURTS



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To: All Criminal Defense Attorneys Representing Indigent Clients
Re: Interpreter Services in Indigent Cases

We are writing to inform you of a new resource now available to attorneys appointed to represent indigent clients in criminal matters in Hunt County. Effective immediately, Jeenie, an online interpretation service, is accessible to appointed counsel for use in cases requiring language interpretation. Please note the following important information about access and use:

1. Jeenie is available exclusively for use in cases to which you have been appointed to represent indigent defendants.
2. To access Jeenie, you must log in using your designated credentials and enter the case number associated with your appointment.
3. This service is intended to assist with all interpretation needs in appointed cases, including client meetings, phone calls, witness interviews, or any other matter where an interpreter is necessary for the effective representation of your client.
4. Jeenie is not a substitute for the use of court-provided interpreters involving pleas, contested hearings, revocations, and trials. In such matters, the court will provide a certified interpreter upon notice that your client needs an interpreter. You should consult with each court regarding the specific requirements for requesting an interpreter in the above situations.
5. The court will not approve any other payment for interpretation services unless authorized by order of the court. Should you require the use of interpretation services other than Jeenie, you must file a motion requesting the appointment of an interpreter, other than Jeenie, and explain why the use of Jeenie is inadequate in your particular case.

We believe Jeenie will serve as a helpful tool in enhancing communication with your clients and ensuring their rights are protected. If you have any questions regarding access please contact Amenda Henderson, the court coordinator for the Hunt County Court at Law No. 2.

Thank you for your continued commitment to serving indigent clients.

Judge J. Andrew Bench, 196th Judicial District Court

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