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Abstract

All interpreters working in legal settings take an oath to interpret accurately and to the best of their ability. A subset of these interpreters—American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters—currently have no profession-wide agreement about what it means to prepare to work in legal settings, with limited training opportunities, and with no specialized certification; interpreters are entering the workforce with varying degrees of competencies. In this study, I look at how ASL-English interpreters prepare and talk about preparing for interpreting for legal assignments. Preparation, I suggest, is understood as more than getting ready for an assignment, but it is also part of the performativity of professionalism.