

Court

Interpreting

www.circuit 5.org



Services

Ana Braun (352) 253-1605

Students of the University of Central Florida's Interpretation and Translation Certificate Program recently participated in a special court interpreter program hosted by the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Todd Tuzzolino, Chief Deputy Trial Court Administrator of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, visited the UCF Campus and spoke with students in the Spanish Conversation class and Spanish Legal Translation and Interpretation class.



Mr. Tuzzolino discussed Court Interpreting as a profession and invited UCF students to participate in the mentoring and internship opportunities available in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.



Students also visited the Lake County Courthouse in Tavares Florida. There students observed an interpreting event conducted during a hearing in front of Circuit Court Judge Don F. Briggs. After the mock hearing, students met with Judge Briggs and Ana Braun, Supervising Court Interpreter, along with other members of Court Administration for a

question and answer session about court interpreting.

Mr. Tuzzolino says the Fifth Judicial Circuit plans to make this a permanent arrangement and will continue to meet with UCF students each semester. "The Court needs qualified and certified Court Interpreters." Through this program "we hope to meet and inspire future court

interpreters.” Mr. Tuzzolino went on to say “we want to convey to the students how important Court Interpreters are to the judicial system, in that interpreters help to insure the Due Process Rights of limited English proficient individuals that appear before the Court.”

Court Interpreters are regulated by Florida Supreme Court. The State Courts System has developed a statewide program to assist judges and court administration in assessing the qualifications of court interpreters. The Court Interpreter Certification and Regulation Program classifies interpreters based on results of written and oral language proficiency examinations. The Office of the State Courts Administrator currently offers full oral qualifications examinations in the following languages: Arabic, Cantonese, French, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Ilocano, Khmer, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.



If you are interested in becoming a Florida Certified Court Interpreter contact Ana Braun at (352) 253-1605 or visit www.circuit5.org.



Dr. Francisco J. Fernández-Rubiera (Center Right), offers certificates in Interpreting and Translation through the Interpreting and Translation Certificate Program at the University of Central Florida.

