

Isabel Framer

Isabel Framer is the founder and principal partner of Language Access Consultants, LLC. Since 1998, Ms. Framer has worked as a consultant to defense attorneys, prosecutors, law enforcement, state and federal government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice, and advocacy firms on language access for Limited English Proficient persons in the legal system. She is a state court-certified judiciary interpreter and has been qualified as an expert witness in court proceedings regarding language access and interpreter standards.

Ms. Framer is also a lead consultant for the Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence, helping to train attorneys and advocates on interpretation issues for domestic violence victims. She has served on several boards and advisory committees, including the Supreme Court of Ohio's Advisory Committee on Interpreter Services, the Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel, and the Racial Fairness Project in Cleveland. Ms. Framer was also a board member of the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators and served as its chair from 2007 to 2009.

She currently serves as a board member of the State Justice Institute, and on the Ohio Commission on Latino Affairs. From 2004 to 2006, she was co-chair of the Summit/Lorain Law Enforcement project, the first national project of its kind to create interpretation and translation models and best practices for law enforcement, public officials, judiciary interpreters, and national defense advocates.

Among other articles published in the *Proteus* and legal journals, she is the author of *Through the Eyes of an Interpreter, Interpreters and Their Impact on the Criminal Justice System: The Alejandro Ramirez Case*, *Interpreters as Officers of the Court: Scope and Limitations of Practice* and *Interpreting The Interpreter: What Every LAV Attorney and Advocate Needs To Know About Legal Interpretation*. She is also the lead author of the *Language of Justice*, a training curriculum for interpreters working for legal services and co-author of the chapter *Foreign Language Interpreters and the Judicial System*, 3rd Edition of *Cultural Issues in Criminal Defense*.

In 1997 and again in 2003, the Summit County Sheriff's Office awarded Ms. Framer a certificate of appreciation and excellence for demonstrating devotion and professionalism in her work. In 2001, she was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky for being instrumental in a statewide recognition for creating changes on judiciary interpreting and translating services for the state of Kentucky.