



Legal Services of New Jersey Melville “De” Miller, Jr. Justice Series

Language Access and Language Justice in New Jersey

Thursday, June 11, 2026

12:00-1:30 p.m. EST

Live Interactive Zoom Webinar

AGENDA

12:00 pm – 12:05 pm

Log In and CLE Announcements (No CLE Credit)

12:05 pm – 12:15 pm

Introductory Words and Panel Introductions (No CLE Credit)

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Panel Discussion and Q&A:

Language is of ever-increasing importance as communities become more culturally diverse. As of 2024, New Jersey law requires each State government entity in the Executive Branch to translate its vital documents into the seven most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP).

This Justice Series session features a multidisciplinary panel who will address the requirements of the language access law, policy, and advocacy in furtherance of language access and language justice in New Jersey.

PANELISTS:

- **Jake Hofstetter**, *Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy*
- **Lina Tocora**, *Director, Legal Services of New Jersey Language Services Unit*
- **William Ryan**, *Translator/Interpreter, Legal Services of New Jersey Language Services Unit*
- **Maria Vlahos**, *Manager of Language Services, NJ Administrative Office of the Courts*
- **Ian Fiedler**, *Policy Legal Specialist New Jersey Division on Civil Rights*

MODERATOR:

- **Akil Roper**, *Senior Vice President, Legal Services of New Jersey*

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1:30 pm

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