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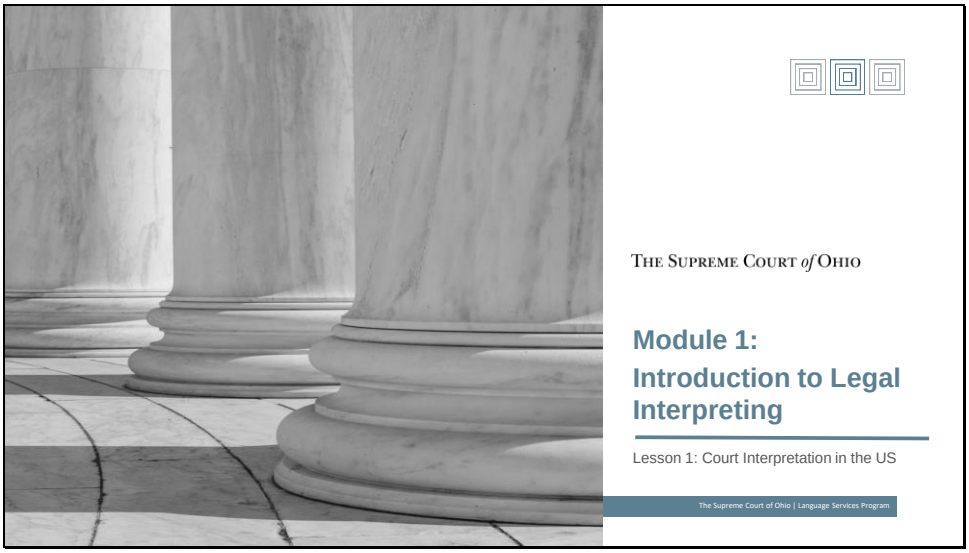
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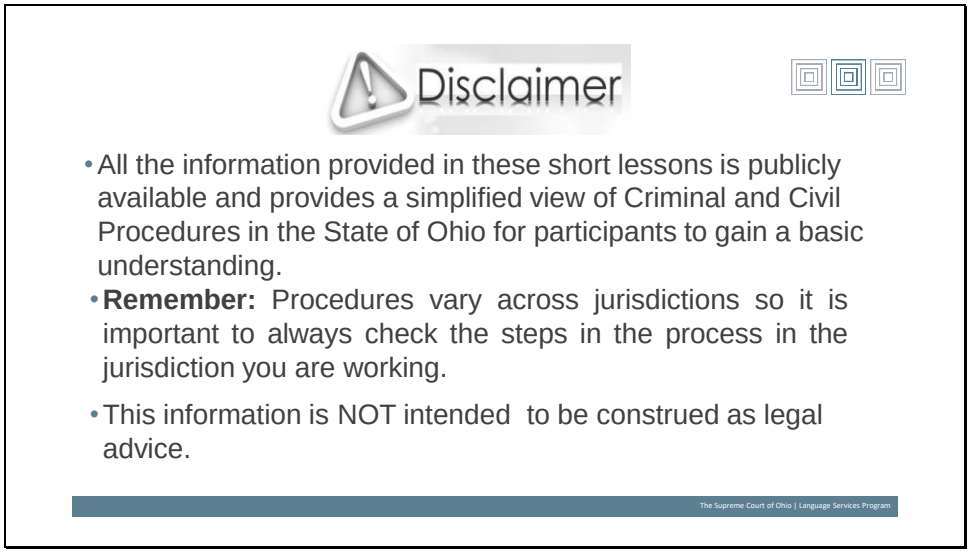
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Amendments to the Constitution of the United States

5th: December 15, 1791. Protects the right to due process, prohibits self-incrimination

6th: December 15, 1791. Protects the right to a fair and speedy public trial by jury, to confront the accuser, to obtain witnesses and to retain counsel.

14th.July 9, 1868. No State can deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

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The Civil Rights Act of 1964

- Title VI

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THE RIGHT TO AN INTERPRETER

The story of Rogelio Nieves Negron
434F.2nd 386 (2nd Cir.1970)

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Court Interpreters Act 1978

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Executive Order 13166

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Memorandum for Heads of Department Components

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"[S]imply providing 'any' interpreter upon request is insufficient….it is imperative to ensure accurate interpretation throughout the proceedings lest we run the risk of diminishing our system of justice by infringing upon the defendant's rights of due process." –

Ponce v. State, Indiana Supreme Court, 2014

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Otherwise Qualified Interpreters

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Court Interpreter Certification

- Authority over the federal and state court interpreter certification programs falls on the National Center of State Courts (NCSC).
- NCSC oversees the court interpreter certification program.