

**Rule 358. Court Interpreters****Rule 358.01 Appointment Mandatory**

The child support magistrate shall appoint a qualified interpreter in any proceeding conducted in the expedited process in which a person disabled in communication is a party or witness. Such appointment shall be made according to the provisions of Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 8.

(Amended effective November 22, 2023.)

**Rule 358.02 "Person Disabled in Communication" Defined**

For the purpose of Rule 358.01, a "person disabled in communication" is one who, because of a hearing, speech, or other communication disorder, or because of difficulty in speaking or comprehending the English language, is unable to fully understand the proceedings in which the person is required to participate, or when named as a party to a legal proceeding is unable by reason of the disability to obtain due process of law.

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***Advisory Committee Comment***

*Rules 358.01 and 358.02 are based upon the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 2000, sections 546.42 and 546.43, which set forth the types of proceedings in which qualified interpreters must be appointed.*

***Advisory Committee Comment - 2023 Amendments***

*Rules 358.01-.02 are modified in 2023 to adopt terminology that is consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 546.42.*