



- **Interpreters adhere to standards of confidential communication.**

- **Interpreters possess the professional skills and knowledge required for the specific interpreting situation.**

- **Interpreters conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the specific interpreting situation.**

- **Interpreters demonstrate respect for consumers.**

- **Interpreters demonstrate respect for colleagues, interns, and students of the profession.**

- **Interpreters maintain ethical business practices.**

- **Interpreters engage in professional development.**

Armstrong Knight



Seeking freelance assignments with ASL agencies & talented interpreters.



Dear Agency:

I seek to join your freelance interpreter list for potential American Sign Language assignments. My ASL language history started at birth as both parents are profoundly Deaf. As a native primary ASL speaker, interpreting has been a lifelong passion. All my parents' children currently sharpen each other through the ranks of the interpreting profession as a family.

I chased my older brother through the halls of getting an Associates degree and completing ASL level I, II, and III. My little sister chased me the same way, and the baby chased her. After everyone crossed that finish line, I diverged into Interpreter Training Programs (ITP). I would often be in a program at the same time as my siblings. We began our professional interpreting careers at the end of those programs. Brother went on to graduate from Gallaudet and Sister took her path to becoming the President of the MS-RID of her state while I continued signing as a livelihood.

Now, After 15+ years in practice and having signed in different regions of the country I meet the bar for interpreting with your Agency in various settings including but not limited to:

- Conference Engagements
- Educational Engagements
- Legal Engagements
- Medical Engagements
- Platform Engagements
- Career Development
- Government Engagements
- Leisure Engagements
- Mental Health Engagements
- Religious Engagements





Meeting diverse American Sign Language needs:

My lifelong CODA obligation to aid deaf communications has prepared me for this career. My experience in the deaf community along with my education and work experience will make me a strong asset to your agency. Indeed, If given the opportunity to fill the role of freelance interpreter, each assignment will cite concepts accurately, and context will drive the discussion. Facial expressions will take root organically and nourish from the tone, language, attitude, ideological and political or policy views of the signee speaker in order to convey the intended communications.

After nearly 2 decades of registering with agencies, I currently receive offers from dozens that range on the “Slater” and “CSA” Reports as follows:

Super Agencies -

Defined as full-service, multi-vertical LSPs whose revenues are greater than USD 200m

Leaders Agencies - Defined as LSPs whose revenues are greater than USD 25m - 199.999m

Challengers Agencies - Defined as LSPs whose revenues are between USD 8m and USD 25m

Boutique Agencies - Defined as LSPs whose revenues are between USD 1m and USD 8m

Qualified Local Agencies - Defined as LSPs whose revenues are USD less than 1m

I guarantee all the above agencies will receive clear communication in every interpreting situation. Getting to the definitions, root basis, or concepts of the discussion empower me with the critical thinking skills agencies value as proper freelance support. My function guided by the above standards of ethics is to invisibly bridge the deaf / hearing barrier. With emphasis on the invisible.



Goal: Apply heritage born American Sign Language skills for the purpose of interpreting facts, within the Code of Ethics, to ensure signees' enjoys maximum situational awareness.

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EXPERIENCE:

Sign Language: As a lifelong ASL speaker, the ability to bridge the communication gap has been, currently is, and always will be a priority skill set for all Deaf individuals to leverage. As has been the case over the following 15+ years experience below:

East Coast, Location - "DMV" (DC, Maryland, Virginia)

2018 - Present:

My tenure in the DMV has proliferated the number of agencies I work with. The DMV is a powerhouse of interpreting opportunities that have taken me through the halls of Congress, the Pentagon, and world class national conferences. Whether it be a board meeting of federal agencies or an overwhelming amount of 24/7 emergency calls I strive to stay busy. A few notables are as follows:

- **Hands in Motion, Location — Freelance interpreter**

2018 - PRESENT

Hands in Motion offers a variety of government related assignments. Security screenings were standard coming and going between buildings. Suit and tie were standard attire along with credentials. Meeting the Director of the POTUS' cabinet Dr. Robert Redfield of the CDC in January is typical clientele to Hands in Motion. The takeaway from my experience with HIM is to represent the agency how they want to be represented.

SKILLS:

Receptive

Expressive

LANGUAGES:

American Sign
Language

Spoken English



- **Sign Language USA, Location — *Freelance interpreter***

2018 - PRESENT

SLUSA is an enjoyable workhorse agency feilding Health assignments that range from general practice to mental health. Carrying with it an array of technical settings from psychological examinations to open heart surgeries. Of all the takeaways, SLUSA instills a dedicated work ethic with correct attire, punctuality, courteousness, and presentation.

- **AnglinCg, Location — *Freelance interpreter***

2018 - PRESENT

Assignments included Child and Family Services. Consisting of team work interpreting under stress of social and custody concerns. The two takeaways in this environment are teamwork and compassion.

Southern States, Location — Mississippi & Louisiana

2018 - Present:

My tenure in the Southern States of Mississippi and Louisiana formed the development of applying myself in specialties such as law. I spent many years as a paralegal interpreter. Learning extensive amounts of both law and applied ASL to that field. I broadened my scope over the years to many other specialties as seen above. The notables are:

- **John Robbins Law Firm, Location – *Mississippi state***

2016 – Temp, 2017

The “Robbins” Law Firm, situated in the Heart of downtown Tupelo, Ms., has an inviting attitude towards Deaf community by establishing various means of communicating with the Deaf for the purpose of airing out their legal issues. As part of that team I would be a frequent point of contact for various case related needs, investigation, and research on issues that then are



discussed with the client via interpreting.

- **Doug Wade Law Firm, Location — Mississippi State**

2014 - 2016:

The “Wade” Law firm is owned by Blind Lawyer Doug Wade. As an American with Disabilities who understands the challenges of Deaf people, Mr. Wade opened his law firm with the objective of confronting disability discrimination. As such, he made specific efforts to reach out to the Deaf community by maintaining an in-house interpreter through myself. Through these means we met with many Deaf clients and helped them achieve justice.

West Coast, Location – California

2018 - Present:

My lifelong career began in the West Coast as I was born in Sacramento California with both parents being Deaf. I worked as a language broker until I was old enough to join interpreting training programs. California represents a fast pace and diverse set of opportunities. Sacramento is a home to a large Deaf population with whom I have spent most my life. Also where I spent most my learning years with sparing opportunities to work with their one Super Agency as well as several Qualified Local Agencies.

EDUCATION:

Sorenson - Compass Program: District of Columbia — ITP

2019 - 2021

Phase One & Two

Itawamba Comm. College: Tupelo, MS — Assoc. Degree, Law

2015 - 2019

ASL program level I, II, and III courses

PROJECTS:



Volunteer — Deaf Events Volunteer

Sacramento, CA; Gulfport, MS; Dist. of Columbia.



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