

My name is Barbara Hua Robinson. I am submitting my application to serve on the NAJIT Board of Directors.

I have worked as a freelance Mandarin interpreter and Chinese translator for 26 years. My credentials include certification by the ATA and court interpreter certification in 4 western US states. I have earned US Department of State and Department of Defense Simultaneous Interpreter status and a Federal Court Professional Interpreter Qualification.

As a first generation immigrant, I feel lucky to use my language skills to help others, starting from medical appointments in hospitals and social services calls in private homes, then from community meetings to professional conferences. In the legal field, I have worked on civil cases ranging from hundreds of millions of dollars damages, to small claims of \$75 dollars, and criminal cases from homicide to shoplifting. My court experiences have been in local municipal courts, county district and superior courts, state courts and federal courts, as well as immigration courts. I served on the board of the Washington State Court Interpreter and Translator Association for 6 years (approximately 2006 to 2012), acting as President for two of those years. As a board member and officer, I coordinated special events, performed advocacy, and designed outreach and continuous education programs.

I am a small business owner, a Certified Management Accountant, which affords me insights on how American business thrives. I have been volunteering in my community for over 20 years, including 10 years as a docent at Seattle Art Museum. Living in the United States for over 30 years has given me unique insights to many aspects of life that are reflected inside the courtroom. My strong management abilities enhanced by an MBA degree will benefit the Board. My international work experience and multicultural background prepared me well to contribute to the judiciary interpretation profession.

I would love to work with board members and the entire membership to help promote our profession, advocating for judiciary interpreters for all languages, raising awareness of the importance of our profession, and refining interpreter skills through training and continuing education, especially in non-Spanish languages.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with all members to further our common goals.