

SC:L (Legal) Rating Scales

Due to the unique nature of the legal specialist exam-that is, that it tests for certain behaviors in specific circumstances-the rating scales will not be released in the same manner or to the extent that those for the generalist exam have been released. This decision comes as a result of advice from RID's psychometrician, Linda Althouse, Ph.D., at Columbia Assessment Services (CAS). Dr. Althouse recommends that the descriptors for each behavioral scale not be released as it would tell the candidate the exact performance expected. Therefore, the descriptors cannot be released or the test would be compromised.

Due to the complexity of language used in the legal setting, the degree of sophistication and consistency in usage with both English and ASL are assessed. The following are the headings which comprise the behavioral scales by which candidates are scored (performance exam only):

Miranda Warning, Version I

- Syntax
- Nonmanual Markers
- Phrasing
- Neutrality
- Integrity of Message

Miranda Warning, Version II

- Syntax
- Nonmanual Markers
- Phrasing
- Neutrality
- Integrity of Message
- Variation in Interpretation

Courtroom Scenario

- Syntax
- Nonmanual Markers
- Affect
- Fluency
- Phrasing
- Mannerisms
- Recovery/Repair
- Legal Terminology
- Bench Conference
- Legal Arguments Between Attorneys and the Court
- Register

- Integrity of Message

Courtroom Scenario

- English Production
- Affect
- Fluency
- Phrasing
- Mannerisms
- Recovery/Repair
- Objections
- Register
- Integrity of Message

Qualifying the Interpreter Scenario, Deaf Interpreter

- English Production
- Affect
- Fluency
- Phrasing
- Mannerisms
- Recovery/Repair
- Register
- Integrity of Message

Qualifying the Interpreter Scenario, Hearing Interpreter

- Appearance/Attire
- Register
- Fluency
- Conciseness
- Confidence
- Recovery/Repair

Jury Instructions Scenario

- Syntax
- Phrasing
- Fluency
- Mannerisms
- Recovery/Repair
- Legal Terminology
- Register
- Integrity of Message