

## **Biography**

Carla M. Mathers, Esquire, SC: L practiced law in Maryland and the District of Columbia for over twenty-five years. She currently is an independent consultant teaching legal interpreters, and a practicing legal interpreter. Ms. Mathers' law degree is from Howard University School of Law and her interpreting degree is from the College of Southern Idaho. She serves on the District of Columbia Courts Language Access Advisory Council and on the American Bar Association's Advisory Group for Language Access Standards for the Courts. Ms. Mathers was a member of the RID Task Force on Legal Credentialing and of the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts' Advisory Committee on Interpreters, its Sub-committee on Ethics and its Sub-committee on Testing and Training. Ms. Mathers served as the Legal Program Coordinator for MARIE Center/DOIT Center at the University of Northern Colorado. She served as an adjunct instructor for the Gallaudet University Department of Interpretation teaching legal interpreting. She was Vice President for the Conference of Interpreter Trainers and was on the Board of Directors for the Deaf Abused Women's Network in Washington, D.C. Ms. Mathers is the author of *Sign Language Interpreters in Court: Understanding Best Practices*, a text for interpreters, attorneys, and courts to understand the principles underlying ASL court interpreting.