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GLOSSARY OF SELECTED LEGAL TERMS

ENGLISH-CANTONESE

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INTRODUCTION

During the past decade, thousands of Asian immigrants have appeared in American state courts as civil and criminal litigants. Interpreters, who breach the language gap between judge and litigant, are required by law and fairness to interpret all English spoken in court into the immigrant's language. However, while interpreters are held to the standard of interpreting legal terms accurately and completely, few bilingual legal resources exist. To begin to address the need for accurate bilingual equivalents for English legal terms, a proposal was submitted to the State Justice Institute for the development of basic bilingual legal glossaries in Cantonese, Laotian, Khmer (Cambodian), Korean, and Cantonese. These languages are spoken by a large number of individuals living in a wide range of states.

This bilingual English-Cantonese glossary is designed to be used as a working document for English-Cantonese court interpreters. Since for the most part interpreters interpret English legal words into Cantonese, the English terms are listed first. The body of the glossary consists of approximately 450 words, which were selected as representatives of frequently used legal terms in state courts. This list is by no means exhaustive; court interpreters use many other legal terms as well.

Each word is translated into its equivalent in Cantonese. The equivalent word or words given are, in the authors' opinions, the best interpretation of the English legal word. These word or short phrase interpretations convey the English word's meaning, and are meant to be used by interpreters when serving in legal proceedings.

In addition, some English words are defined in English because they have more than one English meaning. The English definitions, statements describing one or more meanings of the word, appear in parenthesis beside the English words. Readers are cautioned that many legal terms have alternate meanings. Interpreters must use great care to use the appropriate Cantonese alternate equivalent for an alternate English meaning. Also, interpreters are cautioned that a handful of legal words used regionally in some states appear in the glossary. If a word sounds quite unfamiliar, interpreters should check with other interpreters or attorneys.

At the end of the glossary, a bibliography outlines resources used in creating the glossary, and also other resources which may be useful to interpreters. Every court interpreter should utilize several dictionaries. An essential part of the interpreter's job is to continuously look up word meanings in both languages.

This glossary is meant to serve as a foundation for the development of individual bilingual legal glossaries by Cantonese interpreters. The words are widely spaced to allow for the inclusion of usage notes and other comments. Interpreters are strongly encouraged to elaborate on the definition (as opposed to the equivalent, which is the translation of each term, a definition is a statement of the meaning(s) of the word or phrase), of each word in Cantonese and English, to make up a sentence using the term, and to include other pertinent information. Binder paper can

be added at the end of the glossary for the addition of other important legal terms. For an excellent discussion of the development of an interpreter's glossary, see Gonzalez, Vasquez, and Mikkelson, Fundamentals of Court Interpretation, Carolina Academic Press 456 (1991).

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ABSTRACT (summary)

ACCESSORY (assistant in a crime)

ACCOMPLICE

ACCUSATION (written charge)

ACCUSED (defendant)

ACQUITTAL

ACQUIT

ADJUDICATE

ADJUDICATION (n.) (deciding case through judicial or administrative hearing)

ADMISSIBLE (acceptable, e.g., admissible evidence)

ADMISSION (disclosure of adverse facts)

ADOPTION (legal process of establishing parental relationship between adoptive parent and child born of other parents)

ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS

摘要

幫兇; 從犯

同謀;共犯

指 控 書

被告

宣告無罪

無罪釋放

裁定;判决

裁定;判决

可接受的

供認

收 養

權利告誠

AFFIDAVIT

宣誓書

AFFIDAVIT OF PREJUDICE (sworn statement alleging a potential judge is biased)

宣稱法官有偏見的宣誓書

AGREEMENT (two or more persons' mutual promises)

協議

AID AND ABET

協助及教唆

ALIMONY

赔養費

ALLEGATION (party's statement of fact the party intends to prove)

聲稱

ALLEGED (asserted as a true fact)

被指稱的

AMEND (to revise a complaint or other legal document)

修定;修正

AMENDMENT (modification of document)

修定;修正

ANSWER (n.) (defendant's formal document setting out defense) (civil)

答辩狀

APPEAL (n.) (review of a case by a higher

上訴

court)

APPEAL (v.) (to file a case in a higher court for review)

礼上

APPEARANCE (party's presence in court)

出庭

ARBITRATION	仲 裁
ARGUMENT (debate before the court)	爭辯
ARRAIGN (to formally advise defendant of the charges at an initial court appearance)	將以提訊
ARRAIGNMENT	提訊;過堂
ARREST (law enforcement's taking of suspect into formal custody)	拘捕
ASSIGNEE	受托人
ATTEST (to affirm under oath)	作證
ATTORNEY	律 師
ATTORNEY OF RECORD	記錄上的律師
AUTHENTICATE	鑑定;認證

BAIL (security given for the release of a defendant pending trial)

BAIL BONDSMAN

BAIL FORFEITURE

保釋金;保釋

保釋人

没收保釋金

BAIL REVIEW

保釋金審議

BAILIFF

庭警

BANKRUPTCY

破産

BENCH (judge or court)

法官席

BIAS

誓 見

BODY ATTACHMENT

人身扣留令

BOND (certificate of debt redeemable by court if defendant fails to appear in court)

保釋券;擔保券

BOOKING NUMBER

落案號碼

BREATHALYZER

呼吸分析器

BRIBE

贿赂

BRIEF (n.) (written synopsis of case)

訴訟網要

BURDEN OF PROOF

證明之責任; 舉證之責任

CALENDAR, COURT

法庭日程表

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

死刑;首刑

CASE (criminal or civil lawsuit)

案件

CAUSATION

造 因

CERTIFIED

经證明的;经檢定的

CHAIN OF CUSTODY

保管的承接

CHALLENGE (to object to the qualifications of a potential juror)

反對

CHALLENGE FOR CAUSE

有原因的反對。

CHAMBERS (judge's office)

内庭

CHARGE

控 罪

CHILD SUPPORT

撫 育 費

CIRCUMSTANCES, AGGRAVATING

增重性的環境

CIRCUMSTANCES, MITIGATING

減輕性的環境

CTTATION (official notice to appear in court, especially traffic court)

告 票

CITATION (notation of legal authority)	引掘
CITY ATTORNEY	市府律師
CIVIL ACTION	民事訴訟
CLAIM (n.) (legal demand)	索 賠
CLERK (court official)	法庭書記
COLLATERAL (property pledged to secure a debt, e.g., bail)	抵押品
COMMISSIONER	聽証官
COMMIT (v.) (to institutionalize, e.g., to a mental hospital)	判處禁閉
COMMIT (v.) (to perpetrate, e.g., a crime)	犯
COMMITMENT	判處禁閉
COMMUNITY PROPERTY	共有財産
COMPETENCY (legal capacity to stand trial)	能力;資格

告狀

COMPLAINT (written statement initiating a criminal or civil action)

COMPLY (to act as directed or ordered)	遵守; 順從
COMPOSITE DRAWING	综合素描
CONFESSION	自白
CONFISCATE (governmental seizure of property)	充 公
CONFLICT OF INTEREST	利益衝突
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT	憲法權利
CONTEMPT OF COURT	藐視法庭
CONTINUANCE (rescheduling a legal proceeding for a later date)	押後期;延續期
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	受管制物
CONVICT (n.) (individual who has been found guilty and incarcerated)	罪 犯
CONVICT (v.) (to find defendant guilty of a crime)	判為有罪

CONVICTION (finding of guilt in a criminal

case)

定罪

CORONER

驗屍官

CORROBORATE

確證

COUNSEL (v.) (to advise); (n.) (lawyer)

律師

COUNSEL TABLE

律師席

COUNT (n.) (numbered charge)

項

COUNTERCLAIM

反訴

COUNTY JAIL

森監獄

COURT

法院; 法庭

COURT INTERPRETER

法庭翻譯員

COURT ORDER

法令

COURT REPORTER

法庭記錄員

COURT, DEPENDENCY

兒童監護法院

COURT, DISTRICT

區域法院

COURT, JUVENILE

兒童法院

COURT, MUNICIPAL

地方法院

COURT, NIGHT

夜 庭

COURT, SUPERIOR

高等法院

COURT, SUPREME

最高法院

COURT, TRAFFIC

交通法院

COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL

法庭指派的律師

COURTROOM

法庭

CREDIBILITY

可信性

CRIME

罪 行

CRIMINAL RECORD

犯罪記錄

CUSTODY (care and control of children);

監護兒童

CUSTODY (incarceration)

扣留

賠償損失 DAMAGES (repayment for loss or injury) 死刑 **DEATH PENALTY** 等待死期 DEATH ROW DECREE (n.) (order, judgment) 頒今. 缺席裁判 **DEFAULT JUDGMENT** 被告人 **DEFENDANT** DEFENSE (evidence offered by an accused-辩護 to defeat a criminal charge) DEFENSE (the defendant and defense 被告方 attorney) 辞護 律 師 **DEFENSE ATTORNEY** DELIBERATION (careful consideration, 磋商;審議 e.g., of jury) **逝解出境** DEPORTATION 宣誓口供 DEPOSITION (oral statement given under

副檢察官

oath)

DEPUTY D.A.

DETENTION (being retained in custody)	拘留
DISCOVERY (pretrial process to obtain facts from other side)	證據透露
DISMISS	撤 消
DISMISSAL (WITH PREJUDICE)	撤消(不可從新起訴)
DISMISSAL (WITHOUT PREJUDICE)	撤消(可從新起訴)
DISPOSITION (final outcome of a criminal case)	刑事處分
DISSOLUTION (termination of a marriage, partnership, etc.)	解約
DISTRICT ATTORNEY (D.A.)	檢控官;檢察官(主控)
DIVERSION (order for criminal defendant to participation in alternative program)	改道計劃
DIVORCE	離婚
DOCKET (n.)	每日案件列表

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DOUBLE JEOPARDY

家庭暴力事件

雙重判案; 一罪重審

DUE PROCESS

正當程序; 應有程序

ENHANCEMENT (factor that increases

criminal penalty)

增加刑期

ENTER A PLEA

作出答辩

ENTRAPMENT

設陷阱;使入圈套

EQUAL PROTECTION

同等保護

EVICTION

麈逐; 迫遷

EVIDENCE

EVIDENCE, CIRCUMSTANTIAL

同接的證據

EVIDENCE, DIRECT

直接的證據

EVIDENCE, PRIMA FACIE

表面的證據

EXAMINATION, CROSS

對方盤問

EXAMINATION, DIRECT

我方發問

EXAMINATION, RE-CROSS

對方再盤問

EXAMINATION, RE-DIRECT

我方再發問

EXHIBIT (object submitted as evidence)

呈示物

EXHIBIT, PEOPLE'S

人民方呈示物

EXHIBIT, DEFENSE'S

辯方呈示物

EXTRADITION

引渡

EYEWITNESS

目撃證人

FAILURE TO COMPLY

違背命令;沒有遵守

FAIR HEARING

公平的聆聽

FALSE IMPRISONMENT

非法禁錮;非法拘禁

FELONY

重罪

FIELD SOBRIETY TEST

現場清醒測驗

FILE (n.)

檔案

FILE (v.)

呈涎

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

財務上之責任

FIND (v.) GUILTY

裁定有罪

FINDING

判決

FINE (court-imposed monetary assessment)

為 語

FINGERPRINTS:

指 紋

FIREARM

搶 楲

FORECLOSURE

取消押贖權

FORFEIT

没收

FOSTER CARE

寄養

FRAUD

行騙

GARNISH (to issue process for purpose of attaching wages or money)

命令扣押錢財

GOOD CAUSE

足夠的理由

GRAND JURY

大陪審團

GROUNDS (reasons)

理由

GUARDIANSHIP

監護權

GUILTY

有罪

HABEAS CORPUS

人身保護令

HANDCUFFS

手銬

HARASSMENT

騒 擾

HEARING (formal proceeding held before judge or administrative law judge)

聆訊

HEARING, CONTESTED

有爭議的聆訊

HEARING, PRELIMINARY

初步聆訊

HEARSAY

聽 說

HOLDING CELL

拘留間

ILLEGAL

非 法

IMMUNITY (exemption from a charge or penalty)

豁免

IMPEACHMENT OF WITNESS

彈劾證人

INADMISSIBLE

不可接納

INCRIMINATE

加罪

INDICTMENT

正式控訴者

INDIGENT

貧窮的

INFORMANT

告密人

INFORMATION (formal charge)

正式起訴

INFRACTION

違例

INJUNCTION

禁制令;強制令

INMATE

同囚;囚犯

INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

未證實有罪前為清白

INTENT (state of mind when performing an act)

意圖; 意向

INVESTIGATION

調查

監牢 JAIL 野 同 JOIN (concur) 法官 JUDGE (n.) 判决 JUDGMENT 管轄權 JURISDICTION 後備陪審員 JUROR, ALTERNATE 陪審團 JURY 陪審員席 JURY BOX 陪審團長 JURY FOREMAN 陪審團審訊 JURY TRIAL 不能議決的陪審團; JURY, HUNG 懸而不決的陪審團 兒童拘留所 JUVENILE HALL

KIDNAP

绑架

LARCENY

偷竊

LAWSUIT

訟案

LEADING QUESTION

引導性之問題

LEASE

租約;租契

LIABILITY

賠債責任;負責

LIBEL

誹謗

LIE DETECTOR

測談器

LIFE IMPRISONMENT

終身監禁; 無期徒刑

LINE-UP

行列式認人

LITIGATION

訴訟;官司

MALICE (purposely committing a crime which will harm another)

惡意

MALPRACTICE

漬職

MENTAL HEALTH

精神健康

MIRANDA WARNING

MIRANDA 之告誠

MISDEMEANOR

軽 罪

MISTRIAL

誤審

MODIFICATION

修改。

MOTION (a petition for a ruling)

申請動議

MOTION DENIED

動議被拒

MOTION GRANTED

動議獲准

MUG SHOT

落案照片; 嫌犯照片;

通緝犯照

NEGLIGENCE

茂忽

NOT GUILTY

不認罪;無罪

NULL AND VOID

無效

OATH

誓約;宣誓

OBJECT (v.)

反對

OBJECTION

反對

OBJECTION OVERRULED

反對無效; 反對不批准

OBJECTION SUSTAINED

反對批准;反對成立;

反對受支持

OFFENDER

邍法者

OFFENSE (violation of law)

犯法

OFFER OF PROOF

提出為証據

ORDINANCE

條 例

OVERRULE

駁回

OVERT ACT

公開行動

PARALEGAL

法律助理

PAROLE

假釋

PARTY (plaintiff [People, State, etc.] or defendant)

一方

PATERNITY

父職

PENALTY

懲罰;罰徵

PENALTY ASSESSMENT

額外罰款

PENDING (not yet decided)

待決的

PENITENTIARY

州或聯邦監獄

PEOPLE (PROSECUTION)

人民 (主控)

PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE

無需具理之反對

PERMANENT RESIDENT

永久居民

PERSONAL (OWN) RECOGNIZANCE

自身招保;自身擔保

PETITION (n.) (formal written request for an order)

申訴書

PETITION (v.) (ask, request)

請願

PLAINTIFF

原告

PLEA (defendant's "guilty" or "not guilty" answer to a criminal charge)

答辩

PLEA BARGAIN

答辩協議

PLEADINGS (documents filed in a case)

狀詞

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

法律與引握

POLYGRAPH

測證器描寫

POSTPONEMENT

押後

PRE-SENTENCE REPORT

判罪前的報告

PREJUDICE (bias or preconceived opinion)

偏見

PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE

證據的有力優勢

PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE

清白之假設

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

審前會議

PRETRIAL RELEASE

審前釋放

PRIORABLE OFFENSE

可留前科之罪

PRIORS

前科

PRISON

監獄

PRIVILEGE

特權

PRO PER

自辯

PROBABLE CAUSE

合理的原由; 可成立的理由

PROBATION (suspension of defendant's sentence under supervision of probation officer)

缓刑監視

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

缓刑監視處

PROBATION OFFICER

緩刑監視官

PROBATION, FORMAL

正式緩刑監視

PROBATION, SUMMARY

簡易緩刑監視

PROOF (evidence convincing to the judge or

證據;物證

jury)

PROSECUTION

檢控方

PROSECUTOR

檢控官

PUBLIC DEFENDER (P.D.)

公設辯護律師 (公辯律師)

QUASH

取消

RAP SHEET

犯罪記錄單

REASONABLE DOUBT, BEYOND A

無合理的懷疑

REBUTTAL

反驳 .

RECKLESS DRIVING

魯莽駕駛

REGULATION

規則

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

准許透露資料

RELINQUISHMENT (giving up a right)

築 權

REMAND (to send a case back to a lower court or administrative hearing office)

發回案件

REMAND (to send a person back into

選押

custody)

REMEDY (n.) (legal compensation for a wrong)

維護權利方法

REPORT (v.) (to state)

報告

REPORT (n.) (a formal account of facts or information)

告發

RESPONDENT

答辩方

RESTITUTION

賠債

RESTRAINING ORDER

禁 令

REVOKE

撒回;取消

RIGHTS, CONSTITUTIONAL

憲法的權利

RULE (v.) (to decide)

裁決

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

搜查與扣押

SELF DEFENSE

自衛

SELF-INCRIMINATION 自我加罪

SENTENCE (n.) (court's punishment)

判刑

SENTENCE, CONCURRENT

同時判刑

SENTENCE, CONSECUTIVE

接續判刑

SENTENCE, SUSPENDED

緩期判刑

SENTENCING

判刑

SEPARATION

分居

SERVE A SENTENCE

服刑

SETTLEMENT

庭外和解

SHERIFF

警視

STATEMENT, CLOSING

律師終結辯論

STATEMENT, OPENING

律師開場白

STATUTE

法規

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

時限規定

STATUTORY RAPE

法定強姦罪

STAY (n.) (a delay or cessation)

暫緩程序

STAY (v.) (to put off or block)

延期

STIPULATE

訂定;約定

STIPULATION

協定

STRAIGHT TIME

一次過服刑時間

SUBMIT (present, e.g., present evidence to the court)

提交;付交

傳票

SUBPOENA

控告; 控訴

SUE

訟案

SUIT

抵准

SUSTAIN

宣誓

SWEAR (to declare under oath)

作證

TESTIFY

證言;證辭

TESTIMONY

已服刑之期。

TIME SERVED

民事侵犯

TORT

交通告票

TRAFFIC CITATION

TRAIL

TRANSCRIPT

TRIAL

TRIAL, COURT/BENCH

TRIAL, JURY

TRIAL, SPEEDY

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

UNDERCOVER

UNEMPLOYMENT

UNLAWFUL DETAINER

VACATE (v.) (to cancel)

VENUE

VERDICT

逐日展延

轉錄本;謄本;抄本

審訊;審判

法庭/法官審判

陪審團審判

迅速審判

違 憲

暗中進行

失 業

非法留置者

取消;撤消

審判地點

陪審團的裁決

VICTIM

受害者

VIOLATION

違 犯

VISITATION

探視權利

VOIR DIRE

查詢資格

WAIVE RIGHTS

棄權

WAIVE TIME

放棄時限權利

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

棄權書

WARRANT (order, permit)

法令

WARRANT, ARREST

逮捕令

WARRANT, BENCH

法庭逮捕令

WARRANT, SEARCH

搜查令

WEAPON

兇器; 武器

WEAPON, CONCEALED

隱藏武器

WEAPON, DEADLY

致命武器

WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE

證據之偏重

WITNESS (n.)

設 人

WITNESS, DEFENSE

辯方證人

WITNESS, EXPERT

専家證人

WITNESS, HOSTILE

有敵意的證人

WITNESS, MATERIAL

重要證人

WITNESS, PROSECUTION

控方證人

WITNESS STAND

證人席

WORK FURLOUGH

準暫獄外工作

WORK RELEASE

指定工作代監禁

WRIT

法院判令

CRIMES

ARSON

缀 火

ASSAULT

攻撃

ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED

嚴重攻擊

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

以致命武器攻擊

AUTO TAMPERING

肆弄車輛

BATTERY

段打

BATTERY, SPOUSAL

段打配偶

BOOKMAKING

外圍下注

BRANDISHING A WEAPON

揮示武器

BREAKING AND ENTERING

強行闖入

BURGLARY

盗竊

CHILD MOLESTATION

狎亵兒童; 狎弄兒童

CONSPIRACY

串謀;共謀

CONTEMPT OF COURT

藐視法庭

COUNTERFEITING

偽 造

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

不規矩行為

DISTURBING THE PEACE

擾亂治安

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

在酒精影響下駕駛

DRUNK DRIVING

醉酒駕駛

EMBEZZLEMENT

盗用公款

EXTORTION

勒索

FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA)

不出庭; 不到庭

FORGERY

假富

GAMBLING

赌博

GLUE SNIFFING

嗅膠;聞膠

GRAND THEFT

重倫羅罪

HIT AND RUN

撞車後逃跑

HOMICIDE

殺人

INCEST

亂倫

INDECENT EXPOSURE

猥亵露體

JOYRIDING

偷車作樂

KIDNAPPING

绑架

LARCENY

盗 竊

LEWD CONDUCT

淫褻行為;污藏行為

LIBEL

誹謗

LOITERING

游蕩

LYNCHING

私刑

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF

惡意損害

MANSLAUGHTER

誤殺

MANSLAUGHTER, INVOLUNTARY

非自願誤殺。

MANSLAUGHTER, VOLUNTARY

自願談殺

MAYHEM

發害人身

MURDER

謀殺

ORAL COPULATION, FORCED

強迫口交; 強行口交

PANDERING

淫媒;龜鴇

PERJURY

偽證

PETTY THEFT

軽偷竊罪

PIMPING

拉皮條

POSSESSION OF DRUGS (COCAINE,

私 藏毒品 (古可因) 海 洛 英)

HEROIN)

賈淫; 從娼

PROSTITUTION

RAPE

強姦

RAPE, STATUTORY

法定強姦

RAPE IN CONCERT

協同強姦

RECKLESS DRIVING

魯菲駕駛

ROBBERY

搶劫

SEXUAL MOLESTATION

性褻弄

SHOPLIFTING

高買;顧客行籍

SLANDER

言語誹謗

SODOMY

雅姦; 肛交

THEFT

偷竊

THEFT, GRAND

重偷竊罪

THEFT, PETTY

軽偷竊罪

TRESPASSING

擅入私宅; 非法侵入

VAGRANCY

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