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**OCCUPATIONAL TITLE  
PROTECTION  
CERTIFICATE**

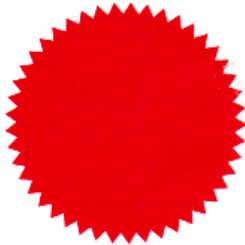
*SOCIETY ACT*

*I Hereby Certify that* WESTCOAST ASSOCIATION OF VISUAL LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS has this day registered under Part 10 of the *Society Act* with the following designations:

REGISTERED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER  
REGISTERED ASL - ENGLISH INTERPRETER  
REGISTERED VISUAL LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

And the following initials:

R.S.L.I.  
R.A.S.L.E.I.  
R.V.L.I.



*Issued under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia,  
on July 13, 2011*

RON TOWNSHEND  
*Registrar of Companies*  
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
CANADA

The BC  
Provincial  
Government  
granted WAVLI  
Occupational  
Title Protection  
in July 2011

# OCCUPATIONAL TITLE PROTECTION (OTP)

- *What is it?*

It's the BC Provincial Government's way of protecting the public, when members of the public require professional services

# OTP GUARANTEES ...

- A minimum level of training;
- Adherence to a professional standard of practice

# WAVLI HOLDS OTP BECAUSE...

- The BC Provincial Government recognized the provision of sign language interpreting services required appropriate training and a strong ethical practice;
- The BC Provincial Government recognized that Active WAVLI Members have the appropriate training and practice ethically

# THREE PROTECTED TITLES:

1. Registered Sign Language Interpreter  
(*RSLI*)
2. Registered Visual Language Interpreter  
(*RVLI*)
3. Registered American Sign Language –  
English Interpreter  
(*RASLEI*)

# WHO CAN USE THE TITLES?

- Only Active WAVLI Members are legally allowed to use the three protected titles;
- OTP prohibits non-members from promoting their services using any of the protected titles

# BECAUSE ACTIVE WAVLI MEMBERS...

- Are graduates of a recognized interpreter education program;
- Will abide by the AVLIC Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Professional Conduct.

# WAVLI GUARANTEES A LEVEL OF SERVICE THROUGH...

- Policies and procedures for filing a complaint
- Polices and procedures for unauthorized use of title



# BE SURE THE INTERPRETER HAS THE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS

- Ask for an RSLI;
- Ask for a Registered Sign Language Interpreter;
- Ask if the interpreter is a member of WAVLI

# SUSPECT AN UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A PROTECTED TITLE?

## *Report it!*

- Unauthorized use of a protected title is subject to legal action!
- Occupational Title Protection requires WAVLI investigate and take action!

**QUESTIONS?  
EMAIL US!**

***WAVLI Professional Standards Committee***

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