

Court Access for Individuals with Disabilities

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Sections 213.010, 213.065, 213.070, and 213.075, RSMo, the Missouri Courts will take appropriate steps to ensure that communications with litigants, participants, jurors, and members of the public with disabilities are effective. **No qualified individual with a disability will be excluded, by reason of such disability from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the Missouri Courts or be subjected to discrimination by the Missouri Courts.**

- The courts will furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from services, programs, or activities conducted by the Missouri Courts.
- "Auxiliary aids and services" may include:
 - Braille forms
 - Large Print
 - Readers
 - Qualified interpreters for persons who are deaf
 - Note takers
 - Transcription services
 - Written materials
 - Assistive Listening Devices
 - Other effective methods of making written or orally delivered materials available to individuals who are blind or deaf.
- When an auxiliary aid or service is required for effective communication, the court will provide an opportunity for an individual with a disability to request the auxiliary aid or service of his or her choice and will give primary consideration to the choice expressed by the individual. A reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the request.
- Advance notice to the court of the request for auxiliary aids or services is strongly encouraged. The court should be notified at least 5 days in advance for court sessions or hearings. For emergencies or urgent requests, the court should be notified immediately. The best effort to fulfill the request will be made.

If you feel you have been discriminated against because of your disability, you may file a complaint with your local Circuit Court by contacting the person listed below. See the informational material regarding Grievance Procedures maintained by the Circuit Court. Or you may file a complaint with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights and the United States Department of Justice.

Missouri Commission on Human Rights
3315 West Truman Boulevard, Room 212
P.O. Box 1129
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573)751-3325
Toll Free (877)781-4236

U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Civil Rights Division
Disability Rights Section – NYA
Washington, D.C. 20530
Toll Free (800)514-0301

For further information, please contact:

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