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Patricia Jameson

Frank Collelo (actor portrayal)

Debbie Howells, ADA

Tampa Bay Times Valrico man dies after collapsing in court By Rachel Crosby, Times Staff Writer Tuesday, March 3, 2015

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Major James Livingston, HCSO, Commander of the Court Operations Division http://www.hcso.tampa.fl.us/getdoc/b17390a1-5124-4e70-993c-34b11b560c21/James-Livingston.aspx

Collelo's house went into foreclosure last year. The property was in his possession following a divorce in 2010. The county medical examiner had not yet determined a cause of death. http://www.tampabay.com/news/courts/valrico-man-dies-after-collapsing-in-court/2219866

### VIA UPS No. 1Z64589FP294307102 VIA Email jamesonp@flcourts.org

PK Jameson, State Courts Administrator Office of State Courts Administrator Supreme Court Building 500 South Duval Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

On March 19, 2015 Grace A. Fagan made a harassing telephone call to me at home, under the guise of a records response. A .wav file of the call is attached to the email version of the letter.

This is a Florida State Courts System's ADA grievance procedure against Ms. Fagan for failure to provide a response to my ADA Title II request of December 10, 2014, and her failure to respond to a related records request. You failed to respond to my email March 5, 2015 about the defective State Courts System's ADA grievance form. I take that to mean no form is needed.

Enclosed/attached is my latest records request to Ms. Fagan in paper format, with UPS Proof of Delivery to her, and to Court Administrator Jonathan Lin in Marion County.

You failed to respond to the death of Frank Collelo raised in my March 5th email, the Valrico man who died during a Hillsborough County foreclosure proceeding March 3, 2015. I take that to mean you and the OSCA have a disregard human life in Florida's Courts.

You also failed to respond to the incident where 28-year-old Dasyl Rios, a mentally ill woman in leg shackles, was dragged by a sheriff's deputy through the Broward courthouse. I take that to mean you and the OSCA have a disregard for human dignity in Florida's Courts, and a racist disregard for the civil rights of a black woman, who was treated like a farm animal in Florida's Courts, according to Attorney Bill Gelin who filmed the spectacle, as reported in the media.

A Proclamation for the ADA by former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Canady shows the ADA supports Art. I, § 21, of the Fla. Const. which holds "justice shall be administered without sale, denial or delay". PK, "justice" is more than a wide ADA toilet stall. See the ADA appendix.

There is a Civil Right to Counsel in Florida according to the ABA, Fla. Stat. § 29.007 court-appointed counsel: "This section applies in any situation in which the court appoints counsel to protect a litigant's due process rights." The U.S. Eleventh Circuit provides Non-Criminal Justice Act Counsel Appointments (Addendum 5). The U.N. Special Rapporteur declared legal aid is a right in itself. Art. VI § 2 U.S. Const. See the civil counsel appendix. Provide your response.

Sincerely,

Lill Sillespie

Neil J. Gillespie

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# Valrico man dies after collapsing in court

By Rachel Crosby, Times Staff Writer

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 4:24pm

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Collelo's house went into foreclosure last year. The property was in his possession following a divorce in 2010.

The county medical examiner had not yet determined a cause of death.

Contact Rachel Crosby at rcrosby@tampabay.com or 813-226-3400. Follow @rachelacrosby.

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# Man who collapsed in Tampa courtroom suffered fatal heart attack

By Rachel Crosby, Times Staff Writer

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 4:23pm

TAMPA --- The Valrico man who died after collapsing in foreclosure court Tuesday morning suffered a heart attack, the Hillsborough County medical examiner's office said Wednesday. He was 67.

The office said Frank Collelo had atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, a leading cause of heart attacks and strokes. He was with his wife, Antoinette Collelo, when he fell to the floor in the Hillsborough County Circuit courtroom of Judge Wayne S. Timmerman around 9 a.m. Tuesday, according to Cristal Bermudez, a public information officer with the Hillsborough sheriff's office

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Collelo was in a hearing regarding his home's pending bank foreclosure, which began last year. The property was left in his possession following a divorce in 2010.

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# Man dies after being stricken in Tampa courtroom

By Tribune staff

A 67-year-old man died this morning after becoming unresponsive during a hearing at the Hillsborough County Courthouse courtroom, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office said.

Frank Collelo was taken to Tampa General Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead at 9:45 a.m., the sheriff's office said.

At around 9 a.m., Collelo was in a foreclosure hearing in Courtroom 502 when he became unresponsive, the sheriff's office said. Sheriff's deputies assisted him and offered him aid, the sheriff's office said.

Emergency Medical Services responded and transported Collelo to Tampa General Hospital where he was pronounced dead, the sheriff's office said.

#### FRANK JOSEPH COLLELO



COLLELO, 67 Sears

LAKELAND - Frank Joseph Collelo, 67, found peace with God on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the age of 67. He was preceded in death by his mom, Rose Collelo. Survivors include his dad, Vince Collelo; 4 brothers; beloved wife, Toni Collelo; loving father to his daughters: Amanda (Jeremy) and Kimberly; step-daughters, Antionika, Antionessa, DeCara and Alexis; sponsored daughter, Bernadette, through Compassion International; much loved grandpa to Marky; his little buddy; William, Gio and Jasmine; several nieces, nephews and other family.

Frank will be fondly remembered for his love of his family and his devotion to the Green Bay Packers. Frank retired from Sears in 2013 and took up the hobby of fishing. He loved volunteering his time to his church, Free Life Chapel, and to helping Toni with the Girl Scouts. Frank will remain in our hearts and will forever be missed.

Visitation will be at the Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home (3350 Mall Hill Drive) on Monday, March 9, 2015, from 10-11am, with services at 11am. Interment to follow at Serenity Gardens.

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at Serenity Gardens in charge of local arrangements.

### **Funeral Home**

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#### March 10, 2015



Our prayers are with Amanda, Kim and Toni and family at this very difficult time. Words can not express the spirit of kindness Frank gave with his humble heart. We are thinking of You.

~ Diane Collelo - Paskey, Waunakee, Wisconsin

### March 10, 2015

You will be missed by many and great have left many with memories. Keith, Diane, Brandon and Christa Paskey

### March 09, 2015

You will always be remembered for all the good things you have done for everyone. My heart goes out to the family. God Bless.

~ Steven & Teri Collelo, Franklin, Wisconsin

#### March 09, 2015



My deepest sympathies are with Frank family in this difficult time. Frank made sure we knew we were appreciated and we are truly going to miss him. You always kept us laughing. Made sure we knew that the GreenBay Packers was the best football team ever. Please know that the Collelo family is in my prayers.

~ Kym Jarvis, Tampa, Florida

### March 09, 2015

FROM THE GALLOWAY OAKS HOA PRESIDENT WE WERE SO SAD TO HERE THAT MR FRANK HAD GONE ON TO BE WITH THE LORD YOU WE NEW HE WAS BORN AGIAN TO THE FAMILY WE WILL KEEP YOU ALL IN PRAYER MR & MRS MACK GALLOWAY OAKS

#### March 08, 2015

Frank will always be in the hearts of his family. A beloved husband, father and grandfather, friend to all, a gentle soul. He will be missed.

~ Julie Linhart, Ocala, Florida

### March 08, 2015

So sorry to hear of Franks death. My husband and I sat behind Toni and Frank last week at Free Life Chapel. It was so crystal clear to see the love of God, Toni and FLC that Frank had in his heart. A real man of God!

He truly will be missed.

~ Jessica and Vonnie Taylor, Lakeland, Florida

### March 08, 2015

Sure missed Frank at Free Life Chapel this Sunday morning. He is in a better place! Sending love and prayers to his dear wife and family.

~ Len and Margie Walls, Auburndale, Florida

March 07, 2015

Frank will missed, loved being around him and Toni. Knew them both from girl scouts. Love you Frank.

~ David, Ann Walker, Lakeland, Florida

March 07, 2015

I am so sorry to hear of Frank's

Death

I am glad he at least had a short retirement....now he is at peace

~ Cynthia Jahnke, Racine, Wisconsin

March 07, 2015

To my Friend, you taught us so much and made us laugh a lot. God gave you wit, wisdom, and a big heart you touched so many lives. I will miss you!

~ Altamese Blake, Eustis, Florida

March 07, 2015

My thoughts and prayers are with you. All my love. Mom

~ Sharon Collelo, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 07, 2015

We love you all. God is with you.

~ Kathleen Darlene Powell

March 07, 2015



So sorry.

~ alina cancel, m, Florida

March 07, 2015

Frank & I grew up together on Milwaukee"s southside. It's been over 60 years since we became best of friends. We didn"t keep in touch in later years but the memories are still very fresh in my mind. Gonna miss you buddy! Hope to see you again one day. Say Hi to your mom, Rose.

 $\sim$  Randy "Cabbagehead" Schneider,  $\it Elkhorn, Wisconsin$ 

March 06, 2015



May you rest in peace, and I send all my prayers time the collelo family and your extended family.....

~ Shawn Teschendorf, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 06, 2015



Prayers are with the Collelo

~ roxane kontowski, milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 06, 2015

You and your family are on the hearts of GS Troop #811. May you feel the peace that surpasses all understanding my friend. We love you!

~ Jacqueline Utz, Lakeland, Florida

March 06, 2015

Amanda, Kim and family I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great guy esp when he took me in. My thoughts n prayers are with you all during This time. Love you all

~ Amanda Armentrout, Valrico, Florida

March 06, 2015

Dear Toni. I, as one of many of your Girl Scout family, send my sympathies to you and your family. I did not know Frank but he shared you with us Girl Scouts and I understand he was a great GS supporter. I'm sorry I never got a chance to meet him.

~ Maria Gallo., GS Troop 437. Bartow, Florida

March 06, 2015

Such a humble man. He was a sweet neighbor and we were blessed to know him. Heaven become more special as he entered the gates. May God bless his family with peace and understanding at this time.

~ Lindsey Griffin, Birmingham, Alabama

March 06, 2015

My dad was the best father any girl could ask for. He was my best friend and such an amazing person. He loved making people laugh and helping others any way he could. I love and miss you more than words can express, Dad!

~ Kimberly Collelo, Tampa, Florida

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# Organizational Structure





### Major James Livingston

Major James Livingston has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2006 and serves as the Commander of the Court Operations Division. The Division is responsible for all aspects of security at the Courthouse Complex, which includes the Edgecomb Courthouse, the Courthouse Annex, the County Center, the State Attorney's Office Building, and the Public Defender's Office Building. The Division also includes the Civil Process Section which serves approximately 150,000 court-related documents each year.

Major Livingston came to the Sheriff's Office from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), where he retired as a Supervisory Special Agent after a 22-year career. He has over 30 years of experience in the criminal justice field, having served as a juvenile probation officer prior to joining the FBI. He is originally from Memphis, Tennessee where he earned a Law Degree in 1983 and a Bachelor's Degree with honors in Criminal Justice in 1977, both from the University of Memphis. He and his family have lived in the Tampa area since 1995. Major Livingston has extensive investigative experience in areas involving terrorism, drugs, organized crime, violent crime, street gangs, and juvenile crime. He also has a broad background in administrative areas including program management, personnel matters, internal inquiries, budget oversight, and problem solving. He completed a four-week leadership course at the FBI's Executive Development Institute in 2000, and a senior leadership seminar at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in 2006. He has completed dozens of other leadership, operational, and investigative training courses over the years.

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# Pleading woman dragged through Broward courthouse by deputy

CBS4

02/24/2015 6:42 AM | Updated: 02/24/2015 6:45 AM



Miami

A woman was dragged through the Broward courthouse by a deputy on Monday for reportedly being loud and disrespectful.

"You're hurting me. You're (expletive) hurting me. Stop. You don't give nobody a chance. All I wanted to do was sob for a few minutes, cry. That's all wanted to do was cry for a few minutes because my life is in your hands," Dasyl Rios cried as she was dragged down a courthouse hallway by a jail deputy. The incident was captured on cellphone video.

The incident began moments before when Rios was in court for a competency hearing.

The public defenders' office said two doctors deemed her incompetent. A deputy said she was loud and disrespectful and left the courtroom.

"She mumbling and using profanity, yes," Syvia Rios said of her daughter's behavior. "I hear this sound like I've never heard before. I big bang, stomp. I'm thinking something happened."

Sylvia Rios witnessed the dragging.

"When I saw her being dragged, she saw me and said, 'Mommy please help'," Rios told CBS4.

Attorney Lynn Desanti said when she saw Rios, she was crying sitting on a bench outside the courtroom and wanted to say goodbye to her mother. That's when she said the guard began yelling.

"At one point the deputy said if you're not going to get up and walk, I'm going to drag you. And he literally grabbed her by her feet, pulled her off the bench and started dragging this 28-year-old woman," Desanti said.

Attorney Bill Gelin, who writes the JAA Blog, heard the commotion. When he saw her begin dragged, he pulled out his camera and started taping.

"They're trained to deal with these situations. But they just grabbed that chain around her feet, like she's an animal in a Wild West movie or somebody who's being dragged by a horse from a rope. This is 2015," Gelin said.

Several deputies were around Rios before she was dragged back to jail. She pleaded with them not to take her back.

"I'm not going back to get beat up. I'm not going back to get beat up, no. I'm not going back to get beat up by BSO. No, no, no," Rios screamed.

Broward Sheriff Scott Israel released a statement:

"I am concerned by the way the deputy handled this situation, because there were other courses of action he could have taken. Internal Affairs has initiated a complete and comprehensive investigation, and the deputy has been placed on restricted duty pending the outcome."

Sylvia Rios is glad the matter is being looked in to, but says her fight for better treatment for mentally ill inmates is only just beginning.

"It's the most horrible feeling. You're helpless," she said. "At that moment I lost all my faith in the judicial system."

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**Greg Hamilton** · I Top Commenter · Miami, Florida

The deputy who did the dragging should be fired, the others deputies who stood and did nothing should also be fired.

Reply · Like · 2 · February 24 at 4:28am



Jorge Martinez · | Top Commenter

Why clean the court floor with this person instead of using a wheel chair, that would be the humane thing to do ?!:(

Reply · Like · 3 · Edited · February 24 at 5:47am



Toni Biondi Burns · | Top Commenter · Collinsville, Illinois

That was terrible, I think it's great that it was recorded. Hope they're all in trouble.

Reply · Like · 2 · February 24 at 12:18pm



Cate Plant · | Top Commenter

If this woman was deemed incompetent by two doctors, it suggests that she has a mental or other illness. She may be unable to control her behavior or her outbursts or comport with the instructions of the guards. Do these guards think all the inmates they deal with are going to be quiet and well behaved? Why go into this sort of work if you're unable to deal with people who are out of control? Most states have laws about abusing vulnerable adults. She was already wearing handcuffs and ankle cuffs! A couple of those guards couldn't have picked her up by her arms and walked her to where they wanted her to go? Or what about the use of a wheelchair?

This is beyond disgusting! I hope these abusers face charges.

Reply · Like · February 24 at 12:49pm



These crazy homeless bums are dangerous, insane, filthy, and full of diseases, and contagions. The poor cops have to carry that crap out the door, and then get hated for it too. Nobody who is complaining would want to deal with that crazy P.O.S.

Reply · Like · February 24 at 3:13pm



Margaret Stephens · | Top Commenter

Victor you know what it is to walk in the shoes of the mentally ill. I can tell, as you can not even keep on your shirt. They should cart you off for being indecent. In this case and in the other case it was improper for an officer to drag a person down the hallway. Carry them if you have no other choice. Do not use the mentally ill as a mop for the floor. Mentally ill people have rights too. Also the police have a job to do.As they have been trained.

Reply · Like · 1 · Edited · February 24 at 4:37pm



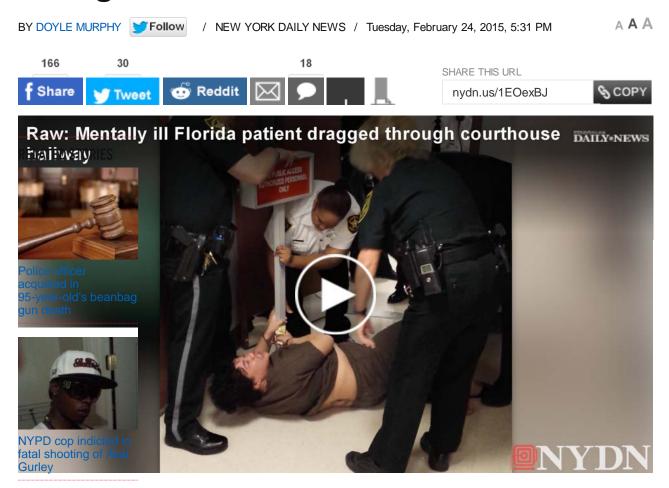
**Jerry Speziale** · Police Commissioner at Paterson NJ Police Department

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# SEE IT! Florida sheriff's deputy drags sobbing mentally ill woman by leg shackles through courthouse





EXCLUSIVE: Prison chaplain assaulted by

A Florida sheriff's deputy is under investigation after he was caught on video dragging a mentally ill woman by her ankle shackles down a courthouse hallway, authorities said.

The woman sobbed and called miserably for her mother as Broward County Deputy Christopher Johnson slid her toward a jail doorway.

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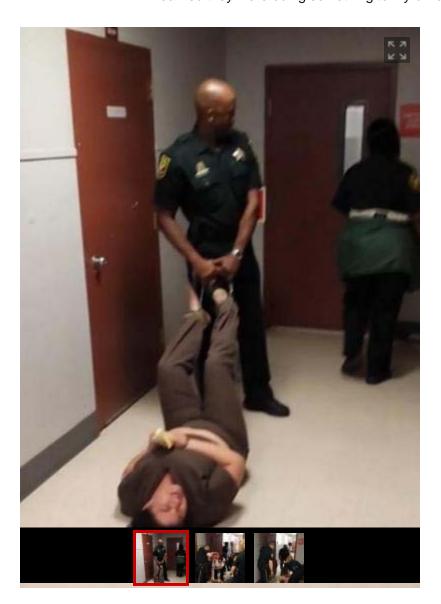
"Stop! You're hurting me!" 28-year-old Dasyl Rios cried. "You're f--king hurting me!"

Rios was in Broward County Court on Monday for a status hearing after two doctors found her mentally incompetent.

Her mother, who was in the courtroom, said Rios suffers from bipolar disorder and was a star student before mental illness set in during her senior year in high school.

The worried mother said her daughter has been involuntarily institutionalized numerous times in recent years and became distraught as she left the courtroom ahead of her.

"I'm trying to gather my stuff to see if I can walk with her when I heard the biggest thump," Sylvia Rios told the Daily News. "The noise was unbelievable. I realized they were doing something to my child."



She raced to the hallway in time to see the deputy dragging her handcuffed daughter by her leg restraints.

"I don't think I'm ever going to get over this," said Sylvia Rios, an assistant principal at Plantation High School.

Defense lawyer Bill Gelin was in the courthouse for another case and filmed the troubling scene with his cellphone. He provided the video to the Daily News.

"They dragged her off like she was a farm animal," said Gelin, who runs the JAABLOG. "I don't even think you can treat a farm animal like that anymore."

His wife, Lynn DeSanti of the Broward County Public Defender's office, also witnessed the incident. She claims Rios was just crying on a



BILL GELINJAABLOG

Broward County, Fla., Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Johnson is under investigation after being caught on video dragging Dasyl Rios, a mentally ill defendant, through a courthouse hallway.

hallway bench when Johnson began ordering her to walk.

"If you not going to get up I'm going to drag you," Johnson said, according to DeSanti.



COURTESY RIOS FAMILY

Dasyl Rios, a mentally ill defendant in Florida, was dragged by her ankle shackles down a courthouse hallway in a shocking scene captured on video.

The exchange lasted just seconds before the deputy yanked Rios off the bench and began hauling her feet first through the crowded hallway, DeSanti told The News.

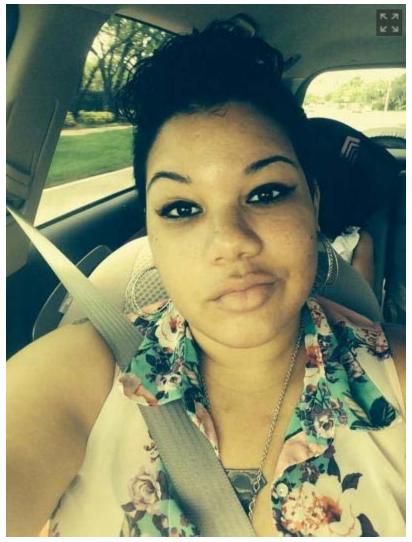
"I was speechless," DeSanti said. "I was shocked. I've never seen anything like this in my 12 years of being a lawyer."

Other deputies can be seen in the video as Rios and Johnson reach a doorway to the jail. None make a move to lift the woman or stop Johnson.

"I gave you a chance," Johnson said.

"You didn't give nobody a chance," Rios screamed. "All I wanted to do was sob for a few minutes — cry. That's all I wanted to do was cry for a few minutes, because my life is in your hands."

The video ends with Rios skidding through the entranceway on her back as the doors close.



COURTESY RIOS FAMILY

Dasyl Rios, 28, was a star student before she began suffering from bipolar disorder, her mother says.

Johnson wrote in his report Rios had grown disruptive and he feared "she would cause a commotion," so he hauled her out of court.

He's been placed on restricted duty and the sheriff's office has begun an internal investigation, authorities said.

"I am concerned by the way the deputy handled this situation, because there were other courses of action he could have taken," Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said in a statement.

DeSanti thinks Johnson should face criminal charges.

"This man should have been arrested," she said. "This girl did nothing to prompt his behavior. He should have to answer to what he did."

Rios was transferred to a mental health hospital, and her mother

said they'll review their options once she's sure she's all right.

"Here we are complaining about other countries, and here we are acting like barbarians," Sylvia Rios said.

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# **State Courts Administrator**



# Bio for Patricia (PK) Jameson

Patricia (PK) Jameson began serving as State Courts Administrator July 1, 2014. After leaving the private practice of law, she gained extensive experience in the Florida Legislature and in the Executive branch of government. Her Legislative positions include Chief of Staff for the House of Representatives, and Staff Director of the following committees: Judiciary Committee, Real Property and Probate Committee, Procedural and Redistricting Council, Select Committee on Electoral Certification Accuracy & Fairness, Joint Select Committee on the Manner of Appointment of Presidential Electors, and the Select Committee to Review the Charges of a Contested Seat. She also served as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Senate President (2008-2010), and as Staff Director for the Committee on Children, Families and Elder Affairs. In the Executive Branch, her experience includes serving as a Policy Chief for Health and Human Services for Governor Jeb

Bush, and as General Counsel and Director of Legislative Affairs for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and as General Counsel for Florida's Chief Financial Officer and the Department of Financial Services. Her undergraduate degree is in Accounting and Business Administration, and she received her law degree from the Florida State University College of Law in 1990.

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# Supreme Court of Florida

## **PROCLAMATION**

In Re: Twentieth Anniversary of the ADA

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed by the United States Congress on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida and the Florida State Courts System have committed themselves to full and fair access to courts for all residents of this great State, as guaranteed by Article I, section 21 of the Constitution of the great State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida courts strive to provide reasonable accommodations for judges and court employees with disabilities; provide auxiliary aids and services that ensure effective communication; and take other steps that afford accessibility of court services, programs, and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Courts System affirms the principals of equity and inclusion for persons with disabilities as embodied in the Americans with Disabilities Act, the laws of the State of Florida, and the policies and procedures of the state courts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles T. Canady, Chief Justice of Florida, do hereby proclaim that July 2010 shall be known within the State Courts System as a month of commemoration in honor the Twentieth Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I reaffirm the court system's commitment to full compliance with the Act, and I call upon judicial officers and court staff members to renew their efforts to eliminate obstacles that prevent full inclusion of all Floridians in the State Courts System.

AND THE SAME is hereby ordered and done at Tallahassee on this First Day of July, 2010.

Chief Justice Charles T. Canady

ATTEST:

Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of Court

# **ADA Information**

### **Americans with Disabilities Act**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was enacted by Congress in 1990 to protect individuals with disabilities from discrimination in access to employment, governmental services and programs, public accommodations, transportation, and telecommunications. As stated in the law, the ADA is "an Act to establish a clear and comprehensive prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability."

Proclamation In Re: Twentieth Anniversary of the ADA

Model ADA Accommodation Request Form

Revised Rule of Judicial Administration 2.540

### **Court ADA Accommodations and Grievance Procedure Information**

- Model ADA Accommodation Request Go to the Form
- Directory of Florida Courts ADA Coordinators View PDF File Revised 02/10/15
- Links to ADA Information on Trial and Appellate Court Websites Go to the links list now!
- State Courts System Grievance Procedure
- <u>Grievance Procedure</u> (Designation of Responsible Person and Internal Grievance Procedure for the Supreme Court and State Courts System)
- State Courts System Grievance Complaint
- Grievance Complaint Form (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Statement of Grievance)

### **State Courts System ADA Guidelines**

These guidelines have been developed to assist judges and staff in implementing the ADA in the court system.

<u>The Title I Guidelines</u> were prepared to assist elected officials, nonjudicial officers, and supervisors in ensuring compliance with the employment provisions of the ADA. Included are a practical summary of Title I, an overview of the legal obligations in recruiting practices and the interview process, and available references and resources.

<u>The Title II Guidelines</u> were prepared to assist judicial officers and courthouse personnel in understanding the state and local government provisions of the ADA and to assist them in ensuring that architectural or communication barriers do not obstruct any person's access to the courts. Included are a practical summary of Title II, an overview of accessibility requirements, and guidance on determining appropriate accommodations.

- Rule of Judicial Administration 2.540
- Tips For Planning Accessible Meetings

# **Electronic Accessibility**

Creating Accessible Documents Using Microsoft Word Open the document now!

# **Court Facility Survey Initiative, 2006-08**

Access to the Florida Courts: Identifying and Eliminating Architectural Barriers View as Word or PDF File

Justice R. Fred Lewis speaks about the importance of ensuring that courthouses are accessible to persons with disabilities. Nearly 400 people attended the regional training sessions, which were designed to prepare participants for surveying the accessibility of court facilities across the state. Read the transcript.

### **Additional ADA Information**

The ADA is organized into five titles that provide definitions and prohibitions of disability within a specific arena:

- Title I applies to employment and provides protection for qualified applicants and employees, including judges and court staff.
- Title II applies to programs and services of state and local governments, including the judicial branch. Title II provides that "subject to the provisions of this title, no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity."
- Title III applies to public accommodations and services operated by private entities. Examples include attorneys, mediators, physicians, hotels, transportation services, restaurants, stores, airlines, and shopping malls.
- Title IV applies to telecommunications.
- Title V contains miscellaneous provisions.

# Agencies below provide informal guidance in understanding and complying with different provisions of the ADA.

Department of Justice offers technical assistance on the ADA Standards for Accessible Design and other ADA provisions applying to businesses, non-profit service agencies, and state and local government programs; also provides information on how to file ADA complaints.

- ADA Information Line
  - o 800-514-0301 (voice)
  - o 800-514-0383 (TDD)
- Electronic bulletin board
  - 0 202-514-6193
- Internet address
  - http://www.ada.gov/
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission offers technical assistance on the ADA provisions applying to employment; also provides information on how to file ADA complaints.
- Employment questions
  - o 800-669-4000 (voice)
  - o 800-669-6820 (TDD)
- Employment documents
  - o 800-669-3362 (voice)
  - o 800-800-3302 (TDD)
- Internet address
  - http://www.eeoc.gov

- Access Board, or Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, offers technical assistance on the ADA Accessibility Guidelines.
- Documents and questions
  - o 800-872-2253 (voice)
  - o 800-993-2822 (TDD)
- Electronic bulletin board
  - 0 202-272-5448
- Internet address
  - http://www.access-board.gov/

### **Other Links**

- U.S. Dept. of Justice ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Government
- U.S. Access Board Courthouse Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Job Accommodation Network (JAN) <a href="http://askjan.org/">http://askjan.org/</a> A service provided by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, JAN provides free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues.
- ADA National Network <a href="http://adata.org/Static/Home.aspx">http://adata.org/Static/Home.aspx</a> Funded through DBTAC grants from U.S.
  Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, this site provides information, guidance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act, tailored to meet the needs of business, government, and individuals.
- Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
- Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- The State Courts System has established a "Florida Courts ADA Information" page on Facebook

## **Links to ADA Information on Trial and Appellate Court Websites**

• 1st Circuit: ADA Information

• 2nd Circuit: ADA Information

• 3rd Circuit: ADA Information

• 4th Circuit: ADA Information

• 5th Circuit: ADA Information  $\leftarrow$ 

• 6th Circuit: ADA Information

• 7th Circuit: ADA Information

• 8th Circuit: ADA Information

• 9th Circuit: ADA Information

• 10th Circuit: ADA Information

• 11th Circuit: ADA Information

• 12th Circuit: ADA Information

• 13th Circuit: ADA Information

• 14th Circuit: ADA Information

• 15th Circuit: ADA Information

• 16th Circuit: ADA Information

• 17th Circuit: ADA Information

• 18th Circuit: ADA Information

• 19th Circuit: ADA Information

• 20th Circuit: ADA Information

• 1st DCA: ADA Information

• 2nd DCA: ADA Information

• 3rd DCA: ADA Information

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I only checked 2 links, both were bad.

4th DCA: <u>ADA Information</u>
5th DCA: <u>ADA Information</u>
Supreme Court: <u>ADA Information</u>

wrong link, goes to oral argument guidelines