



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Services to Persons with Communications Disabilities

Pursuant to Judicial Conference policy and the Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 5, Ch. §255, *Services to the Hearing Impaired and Others with Communication Disabilities*, the court must provide sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids and services to participants in federal court proceedings who are deaf, hearing impaired, or have other communication disabilities. Participants in court proceedings include parties, attorneys, and witnesses of in-court or out-of-court events. Court proceedings include in-court events such as trials, hearings, ceremonies and other public programs or activities conducted by a judicial officer. These services will generally not be provided to spectators unless the court deems appropriate. The court will also provide a sign language interpreter or other appropriate auxiliary aid or service to a qualified juror with a communication disability.

Access Coordinators

Fort Myers Kim Arnett (239) 461-2003 (239) 461-2000	Jacksonville Lenore Benoit (904) 549-1313 (904) 549-1900	Ocala Lisa Fannin (352) 369-4863 (352) 369-4860	Orlando Gloria Schafer (407) 835-4202 (407) 835-4200	Tampa Sonya Cohn (813) 301-5455 (813) 301-5400
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Access coordinators have working knowledge of the types of auxiliary aids and services available to serve the needs of disabled persons and of the local sources from which auxiliary aids and services (including real time reporting) may be procured. The coordinators can also be contacted by email at flmd_communication_assistance@flmd.uscourts.gov.

Auxiliary Aids and Services

The U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida currently has infrared systems at each location for use by persons with communications disabilities. All divisions of the court have an IR/Assisted Listening fixed system with 8 headsets in each courtroom. If you are a party, prospective juror or witness and you believe you will require CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) or an American Sign Language interpreter in the courtroom, please contact the access coordinator for the courthouse where the proceedings will be held.

Requests for the use of auxiliary aids must be made directly to the access coordinator in the division where the case is pending a minimum of 7 days prior to a scheduled court proceeding to make the necessary arrangements.

Jacksonville Division
U.S. Courthouse
300 North Hogan Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Ocala Division
U.S. Courthouse
207 N.W. Second Street
Ocala, FL 34475

Orlando Division
U.S. Courthouse
401 W. Central Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32801

Tampa Division
U.S. Courthouse
801 N. Florida Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602

Fort Myers Division
U.S. Courthouse
2110 First Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901