

ND PROTECTION & ADVOCACY PROJECT

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE COURTROOM FACT SHEET

The **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** requires that “**reasonable accommodations**” be made to enable an individual with a disability to successfully participate during Court appearances to the same extent as people without disabilities.



Reasonable Accommodations:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Assistive listening devices
- Computer transcription services
- Documents in Braille
- Magnification devices
- Assistance with filling out forms
- Use of a service animal
- Remote appearances or relocation of a proceeding to an accessible courtroom

Requests for Reasonable Accommodations:

- By oral, written, telephonic, emailed, or faxed request, or via the [ADA Accommodation Request Form](#):
 1. through the individual, their lawyer, or anyone acting on their behalf;
 2. to the Court where the individual will be appearing; and
 3. as far in advance as is possible.

What if Reasonable Accommodations Were Not Made?

- Contact the Court to discuss the insufficient accommodation(s).
- If you feel you have been discriminated against based on your disability, contact ND Protection & Advocacy for assistance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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