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November 21, 2024

Gregory Jones

Via email: [gregoryjones70@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryjones70@gmail.com)

RE: Formal Complaint for Denial of ADA Accommodation – Case Number 2017-163353-DP

Mr. Jones:

The Court is in receipt of your Formal Complaint for Denial of ADA Accommodation, which was initially emailed to the Court's ADA Coordinator on November 18, 2024, with a follow-up email sent on November 19, 2024, at 8:39 a.m. Your complaint references multiple requests for accommodations with respect to Case No. 17-163353-DP, which is currently pending before Hon. Yvonna Abraham and is scheduled for hearing on November 26, 2024.

The Court's ADA Coordinator, Mr. Frank Hardester, formally responded to your ADA Accommodation requests by email on November 19, 2024, at 5:21 p.m. (Please see attached.) Even though your Complaint for Denial of ADA Accommodation was filed prior to issuance of the ADA Coordinator's formal response, the Court is aware that your matter is time-sensitive, and will therefore treat your complaint as a request for review of the ADA Coordinator's decision.

Upon review of your accommodation requests and the ADA Coordinator's response, the Chief Judge will adopt the determination of the ADA Coordinator. The complaint is without merit; the responses from the ADA Coordinator were within reason and consistent with ADA guidelines. No further action will be taken. If you have further questions, you may contact [ADA-Accommodation-Request@3rdcc.org](mailto:ADA-Accommodation-Request@3rdcc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Perez Fresard".

Hon. Patricia Perez Fresard  
Chief Judge

cc: Frank Hardester, ADA Coordinator  
Hon. Yvonna Abraham

**Honorable Patricia P. Fresard**

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**E. Frank Hardester**

Executive Court Administrator  
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November 19, 2024

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Via email: [gregoryjones70@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryjones70@gmail.com)

RE: Request for Reasonable Accommodations under ADA - Case Number 2017-163353-DP

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing to respond to your request for accommodations (attached) that we received as follows:

- October 12, 2024 (via email)
- October 31, 2024 (via email)
- November 15, 2024 (via voicemail)

On November 12, 2024, I contacted you via phone and discussed your request in more detail since we are not able to accommodate the request in full. We again discussed your request on November 18, 2024.

In response to your requests, please see below:

**1. Statement / Request:**

October 12, 2024 written request: Remote Court hearings for all future hearings

**Response:**

Your request is granted in part.

- Remote attendance at hearings is at the discretion of the assigned judge. The Court cannot grant remote attendance at all hearings as this will fundamentally alter court procedures which is not supported under ADA. As discussed on the phone call on November 12, 2024, requests for remote attendance can be made to the assigned judge as needed. You are expected to appear in-person at your next hearing on November 26, 2024 pursuant to the Court.

**2. Statement / Request:**

October 12, 2024 written request: Extended Deadlines

**Response:**

Your request is granted in part.

- Requests to extend deadlines must be made by the motion with the Court. Timelines established by law are expected to be followed. The Court cannot extend deadlines beyond what is allowed by law as this will fundamentally alter court procedures which is not supported under ADA. Assistance can be sought from an attorney or the Self-Help Center within the Court. You may also go to [www.MichiganLegalHelp.org](http://www.MichiganLegalHelp.org) for more assistance.

**3. Statement / Request:**

October 12, 2024 written request: Assistance in Filing Documents

**Response:**

Your request is granted in part.

- The Court cannot provide legal advice, doing so is not permitted by law and would fundamentally alter court procedures which is not supported under ADA. However, assistance can be sought from an attorney or the Self-Help Center within the Court. You may also go to [www.MichiganLegalHelp.org](http://www.MichiganLegalHelp.org) for more assistance.

**4. Statement / Request:**

October 31, 2024 written request: Remote Court hearings from 10-31-2024 forward

**Response:**

Same as #1 above.

**5. Statement / Request:**

October 31, 2024 written request: Procedural guidance for filing motions and resources to help prepare for court

**Response:**

Your request is granted in part.

- The Court cannot provide legal advice, doing so not permitted by law and would fundamentally alter court procedures which is not supported under ADA. However, procedural assistance can be sought from the County Clerk's office, an attorney, or these other resources:

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| <u>William Booth Legal Aid Clinic:</u><br>313-361-6340<br>Every Thursday of the month<br><b>EXCEPT</b> the 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday at 12:00 p.m.<br>Coleman A. Young Municipal Center<br>2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 784<br>Detroit, MI 48226 | <u>Michigan Legal Self-Help Center</u><br>Monday through Friday<br>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.<br>(must be in line by 1:30 p.m.)<br>Coleman A. Young Municipal Center<br>2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1911,<br>Detroit, MI 48226 | <u>Lakeshore Legal Aid</u><br><a href="http://www.lakeshorelegalaid.org">www.lakeshorelegalaid.org</a><br>888-783-8190 | <u>Detroit Bar Association</u><br><u>Legal Services Clinic</u><br><a href="http://www.detroitlawyer.org">www.detroitlawyer.org</a> |
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**6. Statement / Request:**

October 31, 2024 written request: Assistance with understanding legal terminology

**Response:**

Your request is granted in part.

- The Court cannot provide legal advice, doing so not permitted by law and would fundamentally alter court procedures which is not supported under ADA. However, if you need terminology clarified, feel free to inquire of the Court as needed. Other assistance is available using the resources noted in #5 above.

**7. Statement / Request:**

November 15, 2024 voicemail request: Accommodation for a service dog to attend in-person hearings

**Response:**

Your request is granted.

- After discussing this request with you on the phone on November 18, 2024, it was noted the service dog is required for your disability. Additionally, the service dog is specifically trained for your disability. If the service animal becomes a disruption as defined by ADA guidelines, the Court will insist upon removal of the animal from the premises.

**8. Statement / Request:**

November 15, 2024 voicemail request: File Complaint

**Response:**

You may certainly file a complaint on any matter as you see fit. If you are filing a complaint under ADA, please articulate your reasoning for each item listed.

Thank you for submitting your request to the Court and for our discussions related to this matter. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me at [ADA-Accommodation-Request@3rdcc.org](mailto:ADA-Accommodation-Request@3rdcc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Hardester", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Hardester  
Executive Court Administrator  
ADA Coordinator

Third Judicial Court Of Michigan  
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 711 Detroit, MI 48226

Telephone number of ADA coordinator: 313-224-5261

**REQUEST FOR REASONABLE  
ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESPONSE**

You should request accommodations as far as possible in advance of your court appearance or other court activity. To request accommodations, complete and return this form to the court at the above address. If you need help completing this form, contact the ADA coordinator at the above telephone number. To properly evaluate your request, the court may ask you for more information.

The ADA coordinator will respond to your request before the court appearance or other court activity. If your request is denied, you may request a review in accordance with the court's local administrative order. At your request, the court will provide you a copy of the local administrative order.

Today's date  
10/12/2024

**APPLICANT INFORMATION** (to be kept confidential)

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Applicant is <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Juror <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |             |                                            |                               |
| Case name and number (if applicable)<br>17-163353-DP                                                                                                                                              |             |                                            |                               |
| Name<br>Gregory Jones                                                                                                                                                                             |             | E-mail address<br>gregoryjones70@gmail.com |                               |
| Address<br>26679 Spicer St.                                                                                                                                                                       |             |                                            |                               |
| City<br>Madison Heights                                                                                                                                                                           | State<br>MI | Zip<br>48071                               | Telephone no.<br>313-575-8847 |

- What type of proceeding or court service, activity, or program are you attending (i.e., hearing, jury duty, mediation meeting, trial)?  
hearings
- On what dates do you need accommodations?  
all future
- For what impairment do you need accommodations (for a sign language interpreter, specify ASL, CDI, or CART)?  
Heart / Lung Disease. Compromised Immune System. 3 Heart Attacks in the last year
- What type of accommodations do you need?  
Remote Court Hearings. Extended Deadlines. Assistance in Filing Documents

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST**☒ The request is **GRANTED**

☐ for the above matter or appearance, ☐ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, ☐ for an indefinite period,  
☐ in whole as follows: (specify the accommodations)

☒ in part. As consented to by the applicant, alternative accommodations are as follows: (specify the accommodations)

Please see the attached.

☐ The request is **DENIED** because

- ☐ the applicant is not a qualified individual with a disability under the ADA.  
☐ the request creates an undue financial or administrative burden on the court (as defined by the ADA).  
☐ the request fundamentally alters the nature of the service, program, or activity (as defined by the ADA).

**The basis for this denial is:** (Specify on separate sheet if needed. Include alternative accommodations offered but rejected by the applicant.)

The applicant was notified of the court's response ☒ by phone ☐ by mail ☒ by e-mail ☐ in person on

11/18/2024 by Frank Hardester  
 Date Name

Third Judicial Circuit Court Of Michigan  
Coleman A Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue

Telephone number of ADA coordinator: 313-224-5261

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Today's date

10/31/2024

**APPLICANT INFORMATION** (to be kept confidential)

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| Applicant is <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Juror <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |             |                                            |                               |
| Case name and number (if applicable)<br>Hampton v Jones                                                                                                                                           |             |                                            |                               |
| Name<br>Gregory Jones                                                                                                                                                                             |             | E-mail address<br>gregoryjones70@gmail.com |                               |
| Address<br>26679 Spicer St.                                                                                                                                                                       |             |                                            |                               |
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1. What type of proceeding or court service, activity, or program are you attending (i.e., hearing, jury duty, mediation meeting, trial)?  
hearings and motions

2. On what dates do you need accommodations?  
10/31/2024 forward

3. For what impairment do you need accommodations (for a sign language interpreter, specify ASL, CDI, or CART)?  
Heart and Lung Disease. Advanced Tuberculosis History. Severe Anxiety.

4. What type of accommodations do you need?

I need assistance with understanding legal terminology, procedural guidance for filing motions, and resources to help me prepare for court appearances. Remote Hearings.

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11/18/2024

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Date

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