

Florida Justice System Resources

***What is an ADA Coordinator?** An ADA Coordinator is the person who can help you get an interpreter, CART, or other services required by law. ADA Coordinators cannot help you with your specific legal problem, their role is only to help you obtain access.*

Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes (Laws): *This web site provides access to all state laws in Florida. www.leg.state.fl.us*

Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf *FRID is the state of Florida's chapter of the national Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. The main goal of FRID is to create opportunities for interpreters to learn more about interpreting and transliterating, and to ensure that interpreters follow rules appropriate for their job. This includes but is not limited to interpreters of American Sign Language, English, and Spanish sign language. <http://www.fridcentral.org/>*

Florida Police Departments *Police departments are law enforcement agencies that work in a specific city, town or municipality. Contact information for the police departments is available at <http://www.fpca.com/stagencies.htm>*

Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) *The goal of the Department of Corrections is to keep citizens and Department employees safe, and to take care of and supervise all criminals in Florida prisons. (Prisons are managed by the DOC and are state facilities. A jail is a local facility run by a police department or sheriff's office.) The Department also helps criminals find jobs and a place to live when they finish their time in prison. The Department has sixty prisons, forty-one work/forestry camps, one treatment center, thirty work release centers and five road prisons. The Department also manages probation services. To contact the ADA Coordinator: (850) 410-4164 V or taylor.martie@mail.dc.state.fl.us. <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/>*

Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) *The goal of DCF is to support families. Some of the programs DCF offers try to help people recover from domestic violence, drug addiction, and homelessness. They also manage mental health programs, refugee services, and foster care and adoption in Florida. http://www.myflorida.com/cf_web/*

Florida State Courts System *The goal of the State Courts System is to protect rights and freedoms, support and explain the law, and bring peaceful solution to conflicts. The State Courts System is made up of many different courts: The supreme court, five district courts of appeal, twenty circuit courts, and sixty-seven county courts. This website has links to state courts' websites, self-help information, a list of court ADA coordinators and the process to use if your ADA rights are denied; and other court-related information. Each court house has an ADA Coordinator on this web site you will find the list of ADA coordinators. www.flcourts.org*

Florida Legal Aid/Legal Services *If you have legal problems but cannot afford to pay a lawyer, you may be able to get legal help from a local legal aid office. These offices give free or low cost legal help to people with low income. Information can be found online through their websites. For ADA assistance for your local legal aid office, (I WILL ADD TO THIS)*

County Clerks of Court *There is a clerk of court for each county. They are elected government employees who collect court filing fees, fines, and costs; process case files; and serve as the manager of official court records. The clerks also help the court with jury duty. By law, county clerks of court are responsible to give information and explain the legal process to people who decide to go to court without a lawyer. Clerks also give marriage licenses, record deeds, etc. Contact information for the county clerks of court is available at. www.flclerks.org*

Florida Attorney General *The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer for the State of Florida. Among other responsibilities, the Attorney General is responsible for protecting Florida residents from various types of fraud. The Office of Civil Rights, which investigates and punishes anyone who violates Florida civil rights, is located in the Attorney General's Office. The ADA Coordinator can be reached at: (850) 414-3300 V <http://myfloridalegal.com/>*

Florida State Attorneys *There are twenty state attorneys, one for each judicial circuit. They are government employees elected by Floridians. The state attorney represents the state/people in criminal situations. Contact information for the state attorneys is available on this website. <http://www.myfpaa.org/>*

Florida Public Defenders *There are twenty public defenders, one for each judicial circuit. They are government employees elected by Floridians. The public defender represents poor people in some criminal situations, as well as Baker Act and other cases. <http://flpda.org/>*

Florida Department of Law Enforcement *The goal of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is to keep Florida citizens and visitors safe. This department works with local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies to prevent, investigate, and solve crimes. <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/>*

Florida Sheriffs *Sixty-six of Florida's sixty-seven counties have Sheriffs who are elected by the people in each county. Miami-Dade County has a different process and the Sheriff is called the Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. Sheriffs work for four years before another election, and are in charge of a whole county. Contact information for the sheriffs is available on this website. <http://www.flsheriffs.org/>*

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice *This department tries to prevent crime and to help young people that are involved in crime through different programs and by supporting families. <http://www.djj.state.fl.us/>*

Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles *The purpose of DHSMV is to make highways safe through service, education, and enforcement. DHSMV provides driver licenses; automobile, mobile home, and boat registration and titles; help from the Florida Highway Patrol if a person is involved in a crash or a person's vehicle breaks down on the highways. <http://www.flhsmv.gov/>*

Florida Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement *The Department of Revenue manages the Child Support Enforcement Program. The Department provides child support services in most Florida counties. The services the Department provides include: proving who the father of a child is, getting the court to require or change child support, and making sure child support requirements are met. <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/childsupport/phone.html>*

The Florida Bar *The Florida Bar has more than 86,000 members. It is the professional group that manages lawyers. The Florida Bar Directory lists active, inactive, and retired members of The Florida Bar. A search online can be done using a name, location or certification. The Florida Bar provides information for the public. Their Lawyer Referral Service helps you find a lawyer for your situation. The Attorney Consumer Assistance Program (ACAP) takes care of complaints and sometimes solves problems you are having with a lawyer. www.floridabar.org*