

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 07-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 07-05**

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF COURT
ACCESSIBILITY TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”) is a federal law that prohibits disability-based discrimination in the services, programs, or activities of all state and local government entities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA requires that a public entity’s services, programs, and activities, when viewed in their entirety, be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the removal of architectural barriers is among those actions that state and local governments must take to ensure program accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction requires that all new construction and alterations to existing facilities be readily accessible for people with disabilities, as set forth in Chapter 11 of the Florida Building Code; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis has charged the Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity, through a multi-year project, with building a coalition of the judiciary, clerks of the court, counties, persons with disabilities, and other interested persons, and engaging them in a collaborative effort designed to facilitate practical enhancements to court facilities that will increase compliance with the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the Court Accessibility Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity will: (i) develop a facility survey instrument along with other tools and checklists; (ii) present regional training sessions to prepare Court Accessibility Teams for surveying court facilities and developing action plans; (iii) explore opportunities for minimizing the financial impact of implementation, such as leveraging statewide buying power; (iv) develop strategies to assist courts in avoiding mistakes during barrier removal; and (v) provide technical assistance

WHEREAS, additionally, Chief Justice Lewis has directed every chief judge to appoint a Court Accessibility Team to be responsible for conducting the surveys, developing an action plan, and assisting with implementation of the plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. The Court Accessibility Team for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit is hereby appointed, consisting of those persons listed on Attachment "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
2. The Court Accessibility Team will:
 - a. Participate in regional training sessions;
 - b. Survey all court facilities within this Circuit;
 - c. Develop an action plan;
 - d. Submit completed survey to the Court Accessibility Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity; and
 - e. Continue to work toward full accessibility of court facilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this _____ day of March, 2007.

**JOSEPH P. FARINA, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

**Court Accessibility Team
for the
Eleventh Judicial Circuit**

Committee Member	Title	Agency
Hon. Gisela Cardonne Ely	Circuit Court Judge/Committee Co-Chair	11th Judicial Circuit - Judge
Roger Carlton	Assistant County Manager/Committee Co-Chair	Miami-Dade County Manager's Office
Myron Rosner	Councilman	City of North Miami Beach
Deidre Dunham	Trial Court Staff Attorney/Counsel for Committee	11th Judicial Circuit Court – Office of the General Counsel
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Rick Martinez	Facilities Director	11th Judicial Circuit Court – Facilities Division
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Michelle Roberson	ADA Training Officer	11 th Judicial Circuit-Clerk of Court
Juan Silva	GSA Director	Miami-Dade County – General Services Administration
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