

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (TITLE II) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

This grievance procedure is established for the prompt resolution of complaints alleging any violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the provisions of services, programs, or activities by the Unified Judicial System (UJS). If you require a reasonable accommodation to complete this form, or need this form in an alternate format, please contact the Court ADA Coordinator, District Court Administrator, Don M. Powers, 230 East Water Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745, 570-893-4016, email: dpowers@clintoncountypa.gov.

To file a complaint under the Grievance Procedure please take the following steps.

1. Complete the complaint form Appendix B, and return it to the ADA Coordinator. Alternative means of filing complaints will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request. The complaint should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the alleged violation.
2. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the complaint the ADA Coordinator will investigate the complaint, including, meeting with the individual seeking accommodation, either in person or via telephone, to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the meeting, the ADA Coordinator will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille or audio. The response will explain the position of the **Clinton County Court of Common Pleas** and offer options for a substantive resolution of the complaint.
3. If the response to the complaint does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant may appeal the decision within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the response to the President Judge or his or her designee. Within fifteen calendar days (15) after receipt of the appeal, the President Judge or his or her designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within fifteen (15) days after the meeting the President Judge or his or her designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

This grievance procedure is informal. An individual's participation in this informal process is completely voluntary. Use of the grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to and does not preclude a complainant from pursuing other remedies under the law.

The UJS Policy on Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity also encompasses disability-related issues and provides complaint procedures for UJS court users. Any employment-related disability discrimination complaints will be governed by the UJS Policy on Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.