



The Olmstead Decision: Five Things You Need to Know

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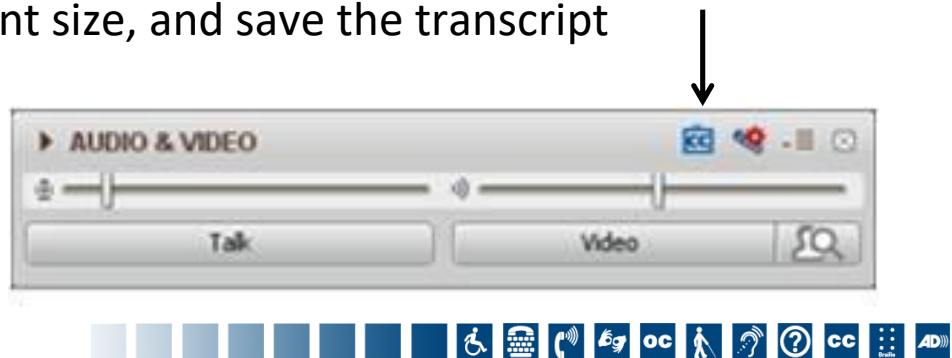




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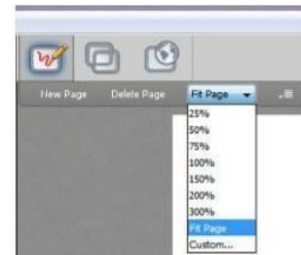




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Five Things You Need To Know The Olmstead Decision

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The Case

How Did It Begin?





The Supreme Court Ruling

No. 98-536

TOMMY OLMSTEAD, COMMISSIONER, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, ET AL.,
PETITIONERS *v.* L. C., BY JONATHAN ZIMRING,
GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND NEXT FRIEND, ET AL.

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF
APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

[June 22, 1999]

JUSTICE GINSBURG announced the judgment of the Court and delivered the opinion of the Court with respect to Parts I, II, and III-A, and an opinion with respect to Part III-B, in which O'CONNOR, SOUTER, and BREYER, JJ., joined.



How Is This Important?

The supreme court said that no qualified individual with a disability shall, “by reason of such disability,” be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, a public entity’s services, programs, or activities. Also, a “public entity [to] administer ... programs ... in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities.” A further prescription, here called the “reasonable-modifications regulation,” requires public entities to “make reasonable modifications” to avoid “discrimination on the basis of disability,”

Where Are We Now?





Resources

Department Of Justice
<https://www.ada.gov/olmstead/index.htm>

The Bazelon Center For Mental Health Law
<http://www.bazelon.org/>

National Disability Rights Network
<http://www.ndrn.org/index.php>

Kaiser Family Foundation
<http://www.kff.org/>

Olmstead Rights
<https://www.olmsteadrights.org/about-olmstead/>



Quote from Tom Perez

“The Olmstead decision recognized the rights of individuals with disabilities to live the lives they choose, but its promise has not yet been fully realized. Far too many people remain segregated in institutions when they would rather be thriving in their communities.”

-Thomas E. Perez, assistant attorney general for the civil rights division, DOJ



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