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# **ACCESS YOUR RIGHTS: AN INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING REGARDING PROPER ACCESS TO ENTERTAINMENT VENUES**

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 9 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.  
CLAUDIO GROSSMAN HALL  
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW  
4300 NEBRASKA AVENUE, NW  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016

PANEL 1:  
ALDS AND OTHER ACCESS SERVICES REQUIRED AT  
ENTERTAINMENT VENUES UNDER TITLE III OF THE ADA

PANEL 2:  
STATE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ADA AND THEIR  
POTENTIAL EFFECTS

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# **ACCESS YOUR RIGHTS INFORMATIONAL CONFERENCE**

## ***Description & Agenda***

### **Access Your Rights:**

*An informational discussion on the rights of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing regarding proper access to entertainment venues*

This conference involves the legal rights granted under the ADA to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing and require access services at entertainment venues such as theaters, movie-plexes, and sports arenas/stadiums. We will discuss what venues are required to follow federal regulations, what those regulations entail, and how individuals can ensure that their local venues provide these services. We will also discuss the new legislation up for debate that could have major effects on the ADA and an individual's right to seek legal remedies under the ADA. This topic also involves ways in which the disability rights community can help influence the outcome.

**Date:** Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9 AM – 12:15 PM

**Location:**

Claudio Grossman Hall  
American University Washington College of Law  
4300 Nebraska Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20016

**Schedule:**

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM      Coffee and Pastries

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM      **Panel 1:** ALDs and other access services required at entertainment venues and the legal remedies for non-compliance under Title III of the ADA.

**Moderator** – Adrian Alvarez, Practitioner-in-Residence for the Disability Rights Law Clinic, American University Washington College of Law

**Panelists** – Betty Siegel, Director of VSA and Accessibility, Kennedy Center for Performing Arts; Kathrine Pearson, Director of Accessibility Rights, Equal Rights Center; Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy, Hearing Loss Association of America

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM **Panel 2:** Proposed changes to the ADA, the potential effects on one's right to legal remedies, and strategies for engagement and advocacy.

**Moderator** – Robert Dinerstein, Professor of Law & Associate Dean for Experiential Education, American University Washington College of Law

**Panelists** – Jennifer Mathis, Deputy Legal Director & Director of Policy & Legal Advocacy, Bazelon Center; Frank Morris, Partner & Co-Chair of ADA and Public Accommodations Group, Epstein Becker & Green PC

**Directions & Parking:**

- **Traveling by Metro** -Take the Red Line to Tenleytown/AU Metro Station. At the top of the first escalator bear right to take the next escalator to the street level. This will bring you to Wisconsin Avenue next to Best Buy entrance. Turn right and walk down Wisconsin Avenue, cross Albemarle Street, and walk one block to Tenley Circle. At the circle, (St. Ann's Church on your right) take a right onto Yuma Street and the law school will on your left.
- **Traveling by Uber** – If dropped off on Yuma St., enter the Yuma building (doors to the right), and go down the hall. Continue walking straight, past the commons area, and you will arrive to Claudio Grossman Hall (on your right) and the events reception desk (on your left). If dropped off on Nebraska Ave., enter through the Warren building. Then turn right and walk through the commons area. Claudio Grossman Hall will be to your left, after the bathrooms.

- **Parking** – The cost for parking is \$2 per hour, \$16 full day and the entrance to the parking garage is on 4300 Nebraska avenue. After parking, it is easiest to use the Yuma elevators to get to the event. Take the elevator to the Terrace (or “T”) floor, and Claudio Grossman Hall will be to your immediate left. If using the Warren elevators, go to the Terrace floor. After exiting the elevators, turn right and proceed to the student commons area. Next, turn left and walk through the commons area. Claudio Grossman Hall will be to your left, after the bathrooms. Flyers with directions will also be posted next to the elevators on the day of the event. For more information on parking please contact the Facilities office at 202-274-4357.
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