

U.S. Attorney's Office Reaches Settlement Agreement with the Roberts Riverwalk Hotel in Detroit to Improve Access for People who have Disabilities

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan has reached a settlement agreement with Roberts Hotels Detroit, LLC, owner of the Roberts Riverwalk Hotel in Detroit, Michigan under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Matthew Schneider announced today. The agreement resolves the U.S. Attorney's Office's investigation into a complaint alleging that the hotel was not accessible to individuals who have mobility impairments. Title III of the ADA prohibits businesses who serve the public from discriminating against individuals who have disabilities. The failure to design, construct, or alter facilities in compliance with applicable standards is a form of discrimination under the ADA.

Roberts Hotels Detroit, LLC agreed to make extensive changes to the hotel's interior and exterior that will improve accessibility for people who have disabilities, including modifications to several guest rooms as well as the hotel's parking areas. The Roberts Riverwalk Hotel is located at 1000 River Place Drive in the City of Detroit.

"We are thankful to the Roberts Riverwalk Hotel for their willingness to cooperate in our investigation and bring their hotel into legal compliance for people who have disabilities," United States Attorney Matthew Schneider said. "The Roberts Riverwalk Hotel is part of the revitalization of Detroit, and under this settlement, people with disabilities can continue to share in the City's revitalization."

More information about the ADA is available at the Justice Department's toll free ADA Information line at (800) 514 0301 or (800) 514 0383 (TTY) and on the ADA website at www.ada.gov. ADA complaints may be emailed to usamie.civilrights@usdoj.gov or by contacting the U.S. Attorney's Office's civil rights hotline at (313) 226 9151.