

FILING A COMPLAINT

If you believe someone has discriminated against you, or that someone has violated your civil rights, you may

- File a written complaint with the Office of the United States Attorney by mailing your complaint to Civil Division Civil Rights Section, 501 East Court Street, Suite 4.430, Jackson, MS 39201, e-mailing it to USAMSS.CivilRights@usdoj.gov, or using the online form located at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdms/civil-division>.
- Contact the Civil Civil Rights Hotline: 601.973.2825



Visit the following websites for more information:

<http://www.justice.gov/crt>

<http://www.ada.gov>

<http://www.fbi.gov>

<http://www.hud.gov>

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CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, CIVIL DIVISION

The Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Civil Division has established a Civil Rights Section to enforce federal statutes prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, disability, and other protected characteristics. The Civil Rights Section has successfully litigated and resolved cases in a variety of contexts including fair housing, access to public accommodation and educational opportunities.

STATUTES ENFORCED

The Civil Division Civil Rights Section, along with the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, has jurisdiction to bring cases under a number of federal statutes, including:

- The Fair Housing Act
- Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- The Religious Land and Institutionalized Persons Act
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act
- American's With Disabilities Act
- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Service Members Civil Relief Act
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

FAIR HOUSING

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discriminatory housing practices based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, and familial status. The Department of Justice is authorized to bring a lawsuit if it finds a pattern or practice of unlawful conduct, or if the matters raises an issue of public importance. The Department may also litigate cases on behalf of private citizens who elect such action upon a finding of reasonable cause by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD complaints may be filed by going to www.hud.gov.

DISABILITY RIGHTS

The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in many contexts, including employment, state and local government activities, places of public accommodation, transportation, and telecommunications. The Department of Justice is authorized to investigate complaints, conduct compliance reviews to ensure accessibility, initiate and intervene in litigation, and provide technical assistance to businesses, governments, and the general public to promote voluntary compliance with the ADA.

POLICE MISCONDUCT

The Department of Justice is authorized to institute litigation to respond to police departments engaging in a pattern or practice of violating citizens' federal and constitutional rights. It also investigates complaints of discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin by police departments receiving federal funds.

LGBT DISCRIMINATION

With the recent Supreme Court ruling that same sex marriage is protected under the Constitution, DOJ is engaging with the LGBT community to determine whether LGBT persons are suffering discrimination in housing, employment, state and federal services, and other related areas simply because of their LGBT status. The U.S. Attorney's Office has an LGBT Point of Contact who can meet with LGBT groups or with individuals to discuss these efforts and determine whether any particular set of facts might warrant a DOJ investigation.

FAIR LENDING

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits creditors from discriminating against credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or because an applicant receives income from a public assistance program or exercises rights protected under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.