FILING A COMPLAINT

If you believe that you have been discriminated against or that your civil rights have been violated, you may:

♦ File a written complaint with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of New York
  Attn: Chief of Civil Rights
  271 Cadman Plaza East
  Brooklyn, NY 11201
  (718) 254-7000

♦ Email a complaint to:
  USANYE-CivilRights@USDOJ.gov

All complaints received by the Civil Rights Unit will be reviewed and evaluated for appropriate disposition, which could include opening a case on behalf of the individual complainant, referring the complaint to the appropriate agency or DOJ component, or other measures.

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

Visit the following websites for further information:
http://www.justice.gov/crt/
http://www.ada.gov/
http://www.fbi.gov

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Civil Rights Enforcement

The United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York has established a rigorous practice to enforce federal civil and criminal civil rights statutes prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, disability, and other protected characteristics. The Office has successfully litigated and resolved a variety of civil cases involving, among other things, fair housing, law enforcement misconduct, and access to public accommodations and has criminally prosecuted cases involving hate crimes, color of law violations and human trafficking.

Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons

The Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA) protects the rights of individuals confined to state and local institutions such as psychiatric facilities and prisons. The Office investigates and litigates to ensure that conditions in these facilities meet constitutional standards, and monitors conditions post-judgment.

Criminal Enforcement

Hate Crimes

The Office’s Criminal Division investigates and prosecutes cases involving violence based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religious beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability, and cases involving willful interference with constitutionally protected rights.

Color of Law Violations

The Office’s Criminal Division investigates and prosecutes the willful deprivation of citizens’ constitutional rights by officials and officers acting under color of law, such as the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers.

Human Trafficking

The Office’s Criminal Division prosecutes the use of force, threats, or coercion to compel labor or services, including commercial sex acts, from adults and children. Modern day slavery can involve migrant laborers, sweat shop workers, domestic servants, and brothel workers.