



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS -- REGION VII

February 25, 2015

Sent via email to XXXXXX@XXXXXX.com

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Re: OCR Docket # 07102031

Dear XXXXXX XXXXXX:

On February 24, 2010, the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability by the Westminster College (College), Fulton, Missouri. This letter confirms the voluntary resolution of the above-referenced complaint.

In the complaint, the complainant specifically alleged Westminster Hall, Newnham Hall, Westminster Historic Gymnasium, Reeves Library and Hazel Wing, Champ Auditorium, and the Church of St. Mary, The Virgin, Aldermanbury, on the College's campus are not accessible to persons with mobility impairments.

OCR is responsible for enforcing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 794, and its implementing regulation, 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 104. Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of Federal financial assistance from the Department.

As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department, the College is subject to Section 504. Additional information about the laws OCR enforces is available on our website at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.

Prior to the completion of OCR's investigation, the College submitted a signed Resolution Agreement (copy enclosed) on February 25, 2015, that, when fully implemented, will address the complaint allegations.

OCR considers the allegations of this complaint resolved effective the date of this letter and will monitor the College's implementation of the Resolution Agreement (Agreement). When OCR concludes the College has fully implemented the terms of the Agreement, OCR will close this complaint. If the College fails to fully implement any of the provisions in the Agreement, OCR may resume OCR's investigation.

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This letter sets forth OCR’s determination in an individual case. This letter is not a formal statement of OCR policy and should not be relied upon, cited, or construed as such. OCR’s formal policy statements are approved by a duly authorized OCR official and made available to the public. The complainant may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

Thank you for your assistance and efforts to resolve voluntarily this complaint. If you have any questions, please contact XXXXX XXXXX, Attorney at (816) 268-XXXX (voice) or (877) 521-2172 (telecommunications device for the deaf), or by email at XXXXX.XXXXX@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karl Menninger

Karl Menninger
Supervisory Attorney

Enclosure