



# JUDICIARY OF GUAM



## SERVICE ANIMAL WAIVER

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The Judiciary of Guam (“Judiciary”) is committed to ensuring equal access to court programs and services, including the use of service animals in accordance with local and federal laws.

**Definition:** A “service animal” is defined as an animal that is trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. Some examples include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, etc.

*Note: The work or task a service animal has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person’s disability.*

A “therapy animal” (an animal that provides emotional support or passive comfort, also known as an emotional support animal or comfort animal) is *not* a service animal under the Judiciary of Guam’s Service Animal Policy. Access for therapy animals is evaluated similar to any other request for accommodation and should be directed to the **Judiciary’s ADA Coordinator:**

**Lina P. Taitingfong: 671-475-3374 or [ada@guamcourts.org](mailto:ada@guamcourts.org)**

Before bringing your service animal into any of the Judiciary’s facilities, we respectfully request that you review, complete, and/or acknowledge the statements below:

<b><i>To be reviewed and completed by the Patron with a Disability or their Personal Care Attendant:</i></b>	
Name of Service Animal Owner ( <i>print full name</i> ):	
Breed of Service Animal (Dog):	
Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?	

<b><i>Initials</i></b>	<b><i>To be reviewed and acknowledged by the Patron with a Disability or their Personal Care Attendant:</i></b>
	I am not aware of any reason to believe that this animal would pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others.
	I am not aware of any reason to believe that this animal would cause a significant disruption to any of the programs, services, or proceedings within the Judiciary.
	I understand that I am responsible for keeping my service animal under my direct control at all times.
	I understand that I am responsible for immediately cleaning up after my service animal and properly disposing of the service animal’s waste or other debris.
	I understand that I am responsible for any and all damage or injury caused by my service animal.

By signing below, I understand the information presented above and consent and acknowledge that I will reimburse and indemnify the Judiciary of Guam for any loss, damage, or expense incurred by my service animal.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_