

**Law and Society Association**  
**DISABLED ACCESS INFORMATION FOR MEETING ATTENDEES**  
**HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION**

For the meeting in Chicago, LSA has attempted to gather specific information from the host hotel and the city about access and barriers to persons with disabilities. Information will also be included in the Local Guide distributed with the program materials at the meeting.

**MEETING HOTEL:**

We asked the Renaissance Chicago Hotel to respond to a questionnaire suggested by LSA's committee on Accessibility. The hotel's responses are listed in capital letters:

**Entrances** (including number and location of wheelchair accessible entrances and whether or not the doors include electronic eyes or push-pads).

ALL ENTRANCES ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. NO ENTRANCES HAVE ELECTRONIC EYES OR PUSH PADS. THE FRONT ENTRANCES TO THE HOTEL HAVE BELLMEN ON DUTY WHO ASSIST IN OPENING DOORS FOR GUESTS.

**Lobby and common areas** (please indicate whether the type of flooring or floor covering and any obstacles or barriers persons with disabilities might encounter).

LOBBY HAS MARBLE FLOORING AND CARPET (SMOOTH WEAVE/ LOW-PILE). NO BARRIERS PRESENT. THE FRONT DESK DOES NOT HAVE A LOWERED SECTION TO ACCOMMODATE WHEELCHAIR USERS. STAFF WILL COME AROUND TO THE FRONT OF THE DESK TO ASSIST WHEELCHAIR USERS.

**Parking** (include the cost, location, and number of accessible parking spaces available, including van accessible parking spaces)

ALL PARKING AT HOTEL IS VALET. CAN ACCOMMODATE VANS. PARKING IS \$34 FOR 24-HOUR PERIOD.

**Elevators** (include information on number and locations; whether control panels and floor signs are in Braille; and whether keys or assistance are required to access the elevators or certain floors)

ALL ELEVATORS ARE ACCESSIBLE WITH FLOOR SIGNS IN BRAILLE. ACCESS TO CLUB FLOORS (25-27) REQUIRES KEYS (FOR ANY PASSENGER).

**Restrooms** (include the number and location of restrooms that are accessible - meaning fully ADA compliant in the U.S.A.)

ALL PUBLIC RESTROOMS HAVE WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBILITY. PUBLIC RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED ON FLOORS 1-4.

**Meeting Rooms** (include information on which meeting rooms are wheelchair accessible; the number of wheelchairs a room can accommodate; which rooms do or do not accommodate speakers who have mobility impairments (e.g. accessible risers for head tables); which rooms offer assistive listening devices).

ALL MEETING ROOMS ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. THE GRAND BALLROOM AND RIVIERE BALLROOM HAVE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE RISERS. OTHER MEETING ROOMS DO NOT HAVE RISERS. NONE OF THE MEETING ROOMS HAVE ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES INSTALLED BUT THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

**Phones** (include the number and locations of wheelchair accessible phones, phones with adjustable volume, and phones with TDD devices)  
ALL PHONES ON FIRST FLOOR ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. (1) HAS ADJUSTABLE VOLUME.

ALL PHONES ON SECOND FLOOR ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. (3) HAVE ADJUSTABLE VOLUME

(2) PHONES ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR NEAR RIVIERE BALLROOM ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND (1) HAS ADJUSTABLE VOLUME.

NO ACCESSIBLE PHONES ARE LOCATED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR.

NO PHONES IN THE HOTEL HAVE TDD DEVICES.

**Signage** (include the extent to which your facility provides signage indicating wheelchair accessible routes and facilities and braille signage)  
ALL SIGNAGE IN HOTEL HAS BRAILLE PRESENT. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SIGNS WITH WHEELCHAIR ROUTES POSTED. ALL PUBLIC AREAS ARE ACCESSIBLE BY WHEELCHAIRS.

**Sidewalks** (include information about the surfaces and slopes of the sidewalks around or near your facility; the locations of curb ramps; and whether the nearby corners and cross\_walks include audio cues for the visually impaired)  
ALL SIDEWALKS IN GENERAL AREA ARE CEMENT CITY SIDEWALKS. EACH INTERSECTION HAS A CURB RAMP.

NO CROSSWALKS IN THE GENERAL AREA HAVE AUDIO CUES FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

**Guest Rooms** (include the number and types of accessible rooms, detailed information about the accommodations available, and the accommodations that must be requested in advance)  
WE HAVE 27 ACCESSIBLE ROOMS IN HOTEL: (10) ROOMS WITH FULL ACCESSIBILITY. LOWER COUNTERS, BUZZER ALARM, BARS IN BATHROOM. (5) ROOMS HAVE ROLL-IN SHOWERS.

**Restaurants** (include the number and locations of those that are wheelchair accessible and those that provide menus in alternative formats)

GREAT STREET RESTAURANT IS LOCATED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR. ENTIRE RESTAURANT IS WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE. LARGE PRINT MENUS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

**Other hotel facilities: Fitness, Recreation or Business Facilities** (include detailed information on the accessibility of the facilities available to guests, including pools, saunas, hot tubs, sports equipment, spas, child care facilities\* or computing facilities)  
HEALTH CLUB FACILITIES ARE ALL WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE. NO SPECIAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT.

BUSINESS CENTER IN HOTEL IS KINKO S AND IS LOCATED ON OUR RETAIL LEVEL. ELEVATOR ACCESS IS AVAILABLE.

\*the hotel does not have it s own child care facility; child care will be held in a guest suite.

### **AREA TRANSPORTATION:**

***AIRPORT ACCESSIBILITY:*** See detailed information at these sites about facilities within in each airport:

**Ohare** [http://ohare.com/ohare/ground\\_transport/ground\\_ada.shtm](http://ohare.com/ohare/ground_transport/ground_ada.shtm)

**Midway** [http://ohare.com/midway/ground\\_transport/ground\\_transportation\\_ada.shtm](http://ohare.com/midway/ground_transport/ground_transportation_ada.shtm)

### ***TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORTS:***

#### ***PARATRANSIT SERVICES:***

The Chicago Transit Authority provides paratransit services to qualified riders. Contact Nora Mitchener at the paratransit office for an **Out of Towner** application IN APRIL. The application must be submitted AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE of when rides will be needed. They will provide up to 21 days of service on this type of application. They can provide rides to and from both airports (fare \$1.75). For application and information contact:

Nora Mitchener  
120 N. Racine  
Chicago IL 60607  
1-312-432-7025 or TTY 1-312-432-7116  
email: [ctaparatransit@transitchicago.com](mailto:ctaparatransit@transitchicago.com) (saying "attn: Nora Mitchener" in subject line)

#### ***SHUTTLE:***

***Continental Airport Express*** serves both O Hare and Midway Airports and has wheelchair accessible vehicles available. Shuttles depart from **O'Hare airport** every 10-15 minutes for downtown service to Chicago hotels. The loading zones for boarding the Airport Express van are at Door 1E, Door 2D, and Door 3E across from baggage claim on the Baggage Claim level. At

the international terminal they are located just outside Door 1E which is just outside of baggage claim and Customs. The last Airport Express van leaves O'Hare at 11:30 pm seven nights a week. Airport Express Ticket Counters for purchasing tickets are located at Door 1E, Door 2D, and Door 3E lower level across from baggage claim on the Baggage Claim level.

Shuttles depart from **Midway Airport** every 15 minutes for downtown service to Chicago hotels. Their airport express ticket counter and loading zone is located at Door 3, lower level across from baggage claim. Reservations from Midway to downtown are not necessary. The last Airport Express van leaves Midway at 10:30 pm seven nights a week.

*Persons needing a wheelchair accessible vehicle should call at least a week in advance to make a reservation and to request an accessible vehicle. **For return from the Renaissance to O Hare or Midway airport**, reservations in advance are also required.*

**Special meeting discount coupons are available, offering \$2 off regular fares; a link to their special reservation site for our meeting will be posted with transportation information at the LSA meeting site.** Fares are on a scale according to the number of passengers traveling together (1, 2 and 3 or more) to the same location. Regular one-way fares to/from O Hare range from \$21 (single traveler) to \$12 (3 or more); to and from **Midway**, one-way fares range from \$16 (single traveler) to \$10 (3 or more).

All fares are due at time of pickup. Drivers accept cash but do not accept credit cards. Credit cards (American Express, Visa and Mastercard) are accepted at the ticket counters in both airports. You can pay in advance by credit card when making a reservation via the website or by calling Airport Express directly at 888-284-3826.

Continental Airport Express  
1200 West 35th Street  
Chicago, IL 60609  
shuttle@airportexpress.com  
1-888-284-3826  
[www.airportexpress.com](http://www.airportexpress.com)

#### ***CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRAINS:***

The CTA **Blue Line Train** provides 24-hour service between **O Hare Airport** and downtown Chicago. The one-way fare is \$1.75. To get to the Renaissance Hotel, take the Blue Line to Clark Station, then go one block north on Clark to Wacker and two blocks right (east) to the Renaissance Hotel.

The CTA **Orange Line Train** provides service between **Midway Airport** and downtown Chicago. The one-way fare is \$1.75. The hours of operation are 4:00am to 1:00am. To get to the Renaissance Hotel, take the Orange Line to Clark Station, then go one block north on Clark to Wacker, and two blocks right (east) to the hotel.

Both stations are equipped with an elevator to take passengers with mobility impairments to and from the platform. Other CTA stations on the Blue Line equipped with elevators from O'Hare to downtown are at Rosemont, Cumberland, Harlem, Clark/Lake, and Jackson.

For additional Chicago Transit Authority information please contact: (312)836-7000 (312)836-4949 TTY Phone or visit their website: [www.transitchicago.com/maps/accessible.html](http://www.transitchicago.com/maps/accessible.html).

***PRIVATE TAXI:***

*Flash Cab Company is the dispatcher for calls to any city cab company requesting an accessible vehicle, so it seems sensible to call Flash first. The one-way fares to downtown from Midway and O Hare range between \$30 and \$35. Please note that this taxi company information below differs from the listings on airport websites. We found some of the phone numbers on the site are incorrect, or that a company may have gone out of service. As of early winter, these are operative numbers:*

|                              |              |
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| FLASH CAB COMPANY            | 773-561-4444 |
| American United Cab          | 773-248-7600 |
| Blue Ribbon Taxi Association | 773-878-5400 |
| King Drive Cab               | 773-487-9000 |
| Yellow Cab Company           | 312-829-4222 |

Private service you may call directly:

SCR Livery Service 773-768-7000x3049

SCR charges \$45 for the first 6 miles, and \$2 per mile thereafter. Order several days in advance.

**SCHEDULED CITY BUS SERVICE (Chicago Transit Authority):**

125 of the CTA s 143 bus routes are fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Lifts and ramps on all buses of those routes are available for use upon request by anyone who has trouble with steps, even temporarily. For information about schedules and accessible bus routes, see the CTA website at <http://www.transitchicago.com/maps/accessible.html>. For detailed information, call the RTA Travel Information Center at 312-836-7000.

**OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

**General Accessibility Resources:**

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago  
614 West Roosevelt Road  
Chicago, IL 60607  
312.253.7000 voice  
312.253.7002 tty  
312.253.7001 fax  
[www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org) (web)

This organization is geared more to services for city residents rather than visitors.

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)

121 North LaSalle St.

Room 1104

Chicago, Illinois 60602

Telephone (312) 744-7050

Facsimile (312) 744-3314

TTY (312) 744-4964

Website: [www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities](http://www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities)

They have no general guides or printed information available but will attempt to answer specific questions.