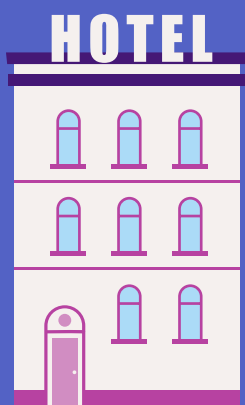


ACHESON V. LAUFER



About the Case

Deborah Laufer, a disabled woman, filed a lawsuit against Acheson Hotels. In this lawsuit, Laufer said that the hotel website was not accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



Issue of the Case

Whether testers can ensure public entities' comply with disability and civil rights laws and also have standing to sue an establishment for violating the ADA, despite not intending to personally visit the establishment.



What are Testers?

Testers are individuals that judge the accessibility of a website or location to make sure it meets ADA regulations. Testers are preferred by many disability advocates due to time constraints.



SCOTUS Holding

In December 2023, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled that the case was moot. Finding a case moot means that the case no longer required a decision because a solution was found.



Meaning of Ruling

Lower courts, not SCOTUS, will decide if people can be testers for the ADA or not. This means that some states and circuits may allow testers for the ADA, while others will not.

Affect of Ruling

The positive impact is that the SCOTUS decision did not change the ADA in any way.

The negative impact is that it still leaves the question of whether we can have testers for compliance with the ADA or not.

