

Restaurant Law Center Applauds Circuit Court Decision in *Gil vs. Winn-Dixie Stores*

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Washington, D.C. (April 15, 2021) – Today, Angelo Amador, executive director of the Restaurant Law Center, issued the following statement on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit decision in *Gil vs Winn-Dixie Stores*:

"This decision is a win for restaurants and will help resolve some of the confusion regarding the circumstances under which websites fall within Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Restaurants vigorously support the goals of Title III, however, a series of court decisions—including the decision that formed the basis of this appeal—had created significant confusion. Without this decision, restaurants in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama would have been forced to try to comply with nonexistent, undefined, and potentially ever-changing standards of website accessibility.

"We believe the 11th Circuit Court has rightly concluded that websites are not places of public accommodation and the decision should be an example to other Circuits considering this issue. Restaurants plan to continue striving to making sure that customers with disabilities still feel welcomed and are able to enjoy fully and equally the goods, services, and facilities of restaurants at their physical locations, as contemplated by Title III of the ADA."

The Restaurant Law Center, joined by numerous trade associations, filed as *amici curiae* in support of the defendant. Read the filing here.

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The Restaurant Law Center

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