

Sheppard Mullin And Disability Rights Advocates Score For New Yorkers With Mobility Disabilities In Federal Appellate Court In Ongoing ADA Suit With MTA

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On August 23, 2021, Sheppard Mullin and Disability Rights Advocates (DRA) obtained an important appellate decision on behalf of New Yorkers with mobility disabilities who require elevators to access the New York City subway system. The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit overturned the District Court's order, finding that a genuine dispute exists as to whether the MTA, by failing to maintain its relatively few subway elevators, denies New Yorkers with mobility disabilities a meaningful opportunity to use the subway system.

Just slightly over a quarter of the subway's 472 stations are accessible, and of the few elevators that do exist, passengers are often left stranded because of frequent and unexpected breakdowns.

Sheppard Mullin has worked with DRA on this case since 2017. The plaintiffs are made up of a coalition of six disability rights organizations and three individuals who use wheelchairs.

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