

PRECISION AUDIOLOGY & HEARING AID CENTER

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Robin Deykes, Attorney at Law  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Disability Rights Section

RE: Jim Grennan vs State of Oklahoma

Dear Ms. Deykes:

I have been Jim Grennan's audiologist for the last five and a half years. Last month he consulted with me about his hearing loss in general and specifically his communication skills and how they affect his participation in court.

Mr. Grennan sustains a severe bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. His word recognition ability as measured by recorded NU6 Monosyllabic Word Lists (a test administered without visual cues in a quiet setting) is quite poor.

Mr. Grennan has worn binaural hearing aids for many years and has recently acquired an FM personal communicator. However, due to the nature and degree of his hearing loss, no hearing aid or assistive listening device will restore his word recognition ability to normal. Although Mr. Grennan communicates remarkably well in a one-on-one setting, this ability drops dramatically as distance from the speaker increases or when there are multiple speakers.

Mr. Grennan's FM personal communicator affords him the best opportunity to achieve one-on-one communication as long as the microphone is held approximately six inches from the speaker's mouth. In a courtroom each participant would need a microphone and transmitter tuned to Mr. Grennan's receiver to achieve one-on-one communication. Even with such an arrangement, and with auditory cues, the best word recognition Mr. Grennan can hope for is 40-50%.

Mr. Grennan's request for real time reporting is probably the best option for him, as well as other courtroom participants with severe hearing problems. As I understand real time reporting, it would allow him to read the court proceedings as they happen. It would reduce the need for numerous repetitions and misinterpretations of what has been said. Real time reporting could very well prolong Mr. Grennan's effectiveness as a courtroom lawyer.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further documentation if it becomes necessary.

Sincerely,



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**MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR HEARING AID CANDIDACY**

Certification is hereby made that Jim Sherman  
 has been medically and audiotically evaluated by me, a Board Certified  
 Otolaryngologist, and may be considered a candidate for a hearing aid.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**Audiologic Evaluation**

EAR	ANSI	250	500	1000	2000	3000	4000	8000	5FT	Speech Discrimination
RT	AC	85	75	80	95	100	100	NR		52
	BC	NR/180	160/100	100/105	NR	→			75	60% dB HL 100
LT	AC	70	80	85	105	NR	→		80	62
	BC	75/100	100/100	100	NR	→				60% dB HL 100

\* *referred to*  
 REMARKS: New digital technology