



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

**ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT INVOLVING RHODE ISLAND STATE
EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENTS, AND AGENCIES**

Pursuant to an agreement between the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, the Attorney General has agreed to accept service of a complaint naming the State of Rhode Island or its employees by electronic means via the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Files System ("CM/ECF") when the Court authorizes a plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. §1915. The Attorney General has agreed not to contest the adequacy of service pursuant to this agreement provided that the following conditions are met:

- Upon granting of a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, the Court will docket a Notice of Service directing the Attorney General to accept or decline service within 30 days.
- If service is accepted, it shall constitute both proof of service and acceptance of service and the Attorney General will have 60 days to answer the complaint from the date the Notice of Acceptance was entered on the docket.
- If service is declined, the Attorney General shall to the extent able, explain the reason for declination, and the Clerk of Court shall facilitate in-hand service through the United States Marshals Service.

This agreement is effective immediately and designed to facilitate timely and efficient service of process for civil actions involving the State of Rhode Island or its employees. For questions or additional information please contact the Clerk's Office at (401) 752-7200.

May 24, 2019

Hanorah Tyer-Witek
Clerk of Court