

Right to FREE Eviction Help IN 36TH DISTRICT COURT!



What is the Right to Counsel law?

In the city of Detroit, there's a law called Right-to-Counsel (RTC) that helps people who rent their homes and are facing eviction. This law gives low-income renters or tenants the right to have a free lawyer represent them in court. So always ask to speak to a FREE lawyer at the beginning of your eviction hearing and before you say anything about your case!

What is the best way to connect with a free Right to Counsel attorney?

If you have a court date coming up related to your landlord-tenant situation at the 36th District Court, please attend the hearing. It is important to attend all virtual hearings and in-person hearings. Our free lawyers will be there to support you and tell you more about your rights under the RTC law.



Who qualifies for free legal help in eviction cases?

Free legal services are available to tenant households that are facing eviction and have a gross income up to 200% of the federal poverty level. It doesn't matter where you come from, or your national origin – everyone qualifies for the services based on income. Attorneys will be available in court to help determine if you are eligible.



Tenant Rights Educational Material

Connect with free lawyers in your upcoming eviction case in 36th District Court



Law Department

GET HELP BEFORE YOU GO TO COURT

DETROIT HOUSING HELPLINE:

866-313-2520

www.michiganlegalhelp.org • law-oed@detroitmi.gov

If you have a disability, please request an accommodation online at:

www.36thdistrictcourt.org

Get Help When You Go To Court

The Detroit Right To Counsel law provides eligible low-income renters with a right to free legal Representation.

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IF YOU ARE ATTENDING YOUR HEARING ON ZOOM:

- If you have never used Zoom, or if it has been a while, try a Test Zoom meeting before your hearing. **You can view beginner's videos at <https://learn-zoom.us/show-me>.**
- On your court date, log on to the Zoom hearing with the information listed on your court notice.
- When the judge calls your case, **inform the judge that you would like to speak with a free Right to Counsel lawyer about your case in a virtual breakout room**, if you have not already spoken with a Right to Counsel attorney or have one representing you.
- Before speaking with any lawyer, always ask if the lawyer is representing your landlord. **You do NOT want to speak with your landlord's attorney before you speak with your own free Right to Counsel lawyer.**

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING YOUR HEARING IN PERSON:

- Check in at your assigned courtroom and let the courtroom staff know you are here for your hearing. **Checking in is important so that the judge does not believe that you failed to appear and enter a default judgment against you.**
- After checking in, ask to go to Room 417 (4th Floor) or Room 5A (5th Floor) to speak to a FREE Right to Counsel lawyer.
- Before speaking with any lawyer, always ask if the lawyer is representing your landlord. **You do NOT want to speak with your landlord's attorney before you speak with your own free Right to Counsel lawyer.**