

52-1 District Court – 48150 Grand River Ave., Novi MI 48374 (248) 305-6080

Tenant Advice of Rights

You have been summoned to Court as a Defendant in a civil proceeding for summary possession of the premises specified in the complaint filed with the Court. You have a right to hire an attorney to represent you in court. If you cannot afford an attorney you may be eligible for legal aid assistance. You have the right to demand a jury trial. You must make the demand for jury trial at your first court appearance or **within five days thereof in writing**, and pay the fee unless the fee is waived (MCR 2002). You have a right to have your case heard in the court where the premises or any portion of the premises are located.

Legal Aid Resources:

Oakland Mediation Center – 550 Hulet Drive, Suite 102, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Phone: 248-338-4280 or www.mediation-omc.org

Legal Aid & Defender Association (LAD) - 613 Abbott Street, Ste. 610, Detroit, Michigan 48226. (877) 964-4700 or www.ladadetroit.org

Lakeshore Legal Aid - 14 locations in Southeast Michigan. (888) 783-8190 or www.lakeshorelegalaid.org

Michigan Legal Help www.michiganlegalhelp.org **Oakland County Bar Association** (248) 338-2100

You may be able to apply for rental assistance. **You do not need a Judgment** to apply for help. You must provide proof to the Court in writing on a SCAO approved form that an application for aid been submitted for processing within five days of your first court appearance.

Rental Assistance Resources:

Community Housing Network - Oakland Pointe, Ste. 1900, 5505 Corporate Drive, Suite 300, Troy, MI 48098. Phone: 248-928-0111 or www.communityhousingnetwork.org

Oakland County Housing Development Division - 250 Elizabeth Lake Rd, Pontiac, MI 48341. 248-858-0730 or ochousingrelief@oakgov.com

MDHHS (www.Michigan.gov/MDHHS)-If you already have a caseworker at MDHHS, please call them before your hearing to see if they can help you. If you don't have a caseworker, please call your local MDHHS. In Oakland County the MDHHS local offices are located at: 1) 25620 W. Eight Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48033 (248) 262-6400 and 2) Central Admin, Suite 4A, 51111 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342 (248) 975-4800

Federal Help for Homeless Veterans – the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at (877) 424-3838 or the Department of Veteran's Affairs Homeless Veterans (VA.gov/homeless)-Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is part of a VA initiative to end homelessness for Vets. This program covers Vets with at least one day of active duty who are in danger of losing their permanent place of residence and covers Livingston, Lapeer, Oakland, Genesee, Macomb, and Shiawassee counties. Call (517) 546-8500 or email veterans@olhsa.org

Mediation-Parties may wish to consider mediation. The local mediation office for Oakland County is the Oakland Mediation Center, 550 Hulet Dr., #102, Bloomfield Twp., MI 48302 Telephone Number (248) 338-4280

Conditional Dismissal-If you and your landlord agree on a settlement, a Conditional Dismissal form can be filed with the Court at the next hearing. The form is available on the Court's website at www.oakgov.com/courts/district-courts/52-1 or you can get a copy in person at the Civil Clerk's desk.