

Handling Emergency Situations in Landlord-Tenant Law

Learn about tried-and-true methods for addressing urgent circumstances facing both landlords and tenants using the equitable powers of the Housing Courts—and ways to avoid liability

When most attorneys think of landlord-tenant issues, they think of summary process actions. There are some instances, however, where immediate action is necessary to protect the rights of the parties to health, welfare, or safety. In this new webcast, experienced faculty guide you through the process for applying for injunctive relief to enforce those rights, including when to take action (and when not to!) to combat nuisances, obtain access, require emergency repairs, eject trespassers and squatters, and address access issues. Learn about the most important issues that can present traps for the unwary.

Agenda

- **Landlord's Rights and Remedies**
Access to units, including repairs, inspections, death and abandonment; Controlling or eliminating nuisances, including trespassers, squatters, and criminal activity; Issues relating to possible disability, including hoarding and sanitation
- **Tenant's Rights and Remedies**
Emergency repairs, including lack of heat and water; Addressing interference with quiet enjoyment; Unlawful evictions or lockouts
- **Practical Tips for Attorneys Working with Landlords**
- **Practical Tips for Attorneys Working with Tenants**

Speakers



CATHERINE F. DOWNING of Downing Van Dyke in Framingham started her firm in 1990, specializing in the representation of property management companies and landlords throughout Massachusetts. She graduated from Boston College in 1980 with a B.A. in history, magna cum laude, and from Suffolk University Law School in 1983 with a J.D., cum laude. She then served as a clerk to the Honorable Marilyn M. Sullivan at the Land Court. Following this, she worked for a firm that specialized in real estate litigation until she opened her own firm. She is a frequent speaker for the New England Affordable Housing Management Association and has also conducted seminars for the New England Resident Services Coordinators, Inc. and the Institute for Real Estate Management. She is also a recipient of the MCLE Scholar-Mentor Award.



EDWARD RICE has dedicated his legal career to public service work. Mr. Rice represents tenants in state and federal courts, and at MCAD. In addition to his private practice, he is currently a Supervising Attorney for the clinical program at Suffolk University Law School, and previously with Boston College Civil Litigation Clinic, and he also trains and consults with several large firms on their pro bono housing cases. After graduating from law school, Mr. Rice worked for legal services in Minneapolis and Boston, including as a housing staff attorney with the Volunteer Lawyers Project. He is a previous recipient of the National Association for Public Interest Law/Equal Justice Works fellowship and the Legal Services Community Advocate Award.



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