

TENANT LEGAL HELP CLINIC

In a sometimes overwhelming legal system, the Tenant Legal Help Clinic (TLHC) provides volunteer-based legal advice for low-income tenants facing eviction in Jackson County at the Kansas City Courthouse.



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WHO WE SERVE:

- + Low-income and very low-income families and individuals
- + Jackson County residents
- + Residential tenants only – no business tenants or homeowners

WHAT WE DO:

- + Legal advice for tenants with eviction related issues
- + Help answering eviction paperwork
- + Referral and resource information

WE DO NOT:

- + Help landlords
- + Help commercial/business tenants
- + Help those living outside Jackson County
- + Help with cases other than eviction
- + Provide on-going representation or “take your case”
- + Give legal advice over the phone
- + TLHC does not take appointments

CLINIC LOCATIONS AND HOURS:

Jackson County Courthouse
415 East 12th Street, 7th Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Thursday Afternoon: 12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(clients are encouraged to arrive prior to 1:00 p.m.)

If you are responding to a court action that has been filed against you, review the pleadings to determine whether the action was filed in the Kansas City Courthouse or the Independence Courthouse.

HOW TO PREPARE

- + Write a timeline of events when possible

Bring to TLHC:

- + Lease Agreement
- + Rent receipts or cancelled checks
- + All paperwork from the landlord or landlord's attorney; for example, 3-day notice, 10-day notice, summons and complaint, notice to terminate tenancy. If you are assisted with rent, bring your recertification papers, form 0058 or 0059.
- + All letters or emails to and from the landlord or landlord's attorney
- + Photos
- + Witnesses – on the day of hearing only

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

www.lawmo.org

Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom

www.jobsandfreedom.org

16th Circuit

www.16thcircuit.org

Missouri Bar

www.mobar.org

Legal Services of Missouri

www.lsmo.org

OTHER PROBLEMS LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH:

- + Family law
- + Domestic violence protection
- + Foreclosure prevention
- + Housing issues
- + Healthcare
- + Public benefits
- + Employment law
- + Immigration Law
- + Federal benefits
- + Consumer matters
- + Economic development

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI provides free civil legal assistance to people who need it most and can afford it least. With offices in Kansas City, Joplin, St. Joseph, and Warrensburg, we serve a 40-county area where 295,000 people live in poverty.