The D.C. Tenants’ Rights Center

Trying to Make Justice Affordable
For Tenants in the District of Columbia
Tenants' Rights Center Is Trying to Make Justice Affordable

The biggest problem with the U.S. justice system is that justice costs too much money. We are trying to do our part to make justice available to more people. We provide lower-cost, high-quality legal services to D.C. tenants. (We are the only private law firm in D.C. that ONLY represents tenants.) We charge $98.80 per hour ($1.48 per minute) for all services. Call us at 202-681-6871, or e-mail us at intake [at] dcTenants.com.* (If you e-mail, please do not include any confidential information.) We are located at 406 5th St. NW, Suite 300, next to D.C. Superior Court, one to two blocks from the Judiciary Square and Archives/Navy Memorial metro stations.
Where We Are
### Work Descriptions

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Work Description</th>
<th>Perc</th>
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| Lease Termination             | 15.16%
| Repairs                       | 12.82%
| Eviction: Alleged Nonpayment  | 9.16%
| Security Deposit              | 8.35%
| TOPA                          | 7.47%
| Rent Increase                 | 3.66%
| Eviction: Alleged Lease Violations | 3.08%
| Wrongful Eviction             | 3.08%
| Eviction: Alleged Squatter    | 2.42%
| Lease Negotiations            | 1.47%
| Rent Dispute                  | 1.39%
| Roommates                    | 1.32%

### Service Types

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<tr>
<th>Service Rendered</th>
<th>HrsPerc</th>
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<tr>
<td>Advice</td>
<td>12.12%</td>
<td>61.90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Letter to Landlord</td>
<td>4.16%</td>
<td>7.93%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Negotiated Settlement w/o Litigation</td>
<td>7.95%</td>
<td>6.56%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Negotiated Settlement w/ Litigation in Court (LT)</td>
<td>16.42%</td>
<td>4.70%</td>
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<td>Representation in Court</td>
<td>10.12%</td>
<td>4.21%</td>
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<td>Other Brief Service</td>
<td>1.92%</td>
<td>3.62%</td>
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<td>Extensive Services</td>
<td>7.15%</td>
<td>3.33%</td>
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<td>Negotiated Settlement w/ Litigation in Court (Civil)</td>
<td>16.82%</td>
<td>2.64%</td>
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<td>Negotiated Settlement w/ Litigation in Admin. Agency</td>
<td>11.13%</td>
<td>1.76%</td>
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<td>Negotiated Settlement w/ Litigation in Court (small claims)</td>
<td>1.84%</td>
<td>0.75%</td>
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<td>Court Decision - uncontested</td>
<td>0.56%</td>
<td>0.59%</td>
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<td>None</td>
<td>0.05%</td>
<td>0.39%</td>
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What We Charge

$70
$75
$87
$88.80 per hour

From our website...

We try to make our services as affordable as possible. We charge $88.80 per hour ($1.48 per minute) for help from an attorney, and we only charge for the actual number of minutes the attorney spends helping you. Our per-minute fee for consultations and short-term assistance is the same as our per-minute fee for long-term assistance, such as negotiation with landlords or representing tenants in court. We provide legal advice to tenants in person and over the phone. For consultations, we require a payment in advance to cover 45 minutes, which comes to $66.60. If you do not use the full 45 minutes, we will refund you any remaining amount. We also require a prepayment for long-term assistance. In security deposit, rent control, TOPA, and housing discrimination cases, your landlord may be required to pay your legal fees. If you have a strong claim for money damages against your landlord, we may be willing to take your case on a contingency basis. Call us at 202-681-6871, or e-mail us at intake[at]dctenants.com, if you think we can be helpful!
D.C. Tenants' Rights Center
406 5th St. NW #300
Washington, DC 20001

Date: 10/15/2015
Statement: 9
Account Num: 37

Re: Leak

Previous Balance: $0.00

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<th>Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>10/9/2015</td>
<td>Prepare letter to LL</td>
<td>Marc</td>
<td>$87.00</td>
<td>0.2581</td>
<td>$22.45</td>
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<td>10/15/2015</td>
<td>Payment from Client Funds.</td>
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<td>($22.45)</td>
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Fees and Expenses Due

Fees and Expenses Due $0.00

Retainer

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<td>Beginning Retainer Balance</td>
<td>$238.47</td>
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<tr>
<td>10/15/2015 Withdrawal from Client Funds.</td>
<td>($22.45)</td>
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<td>Ending Retainer Balance</td>
<td>$216.02</td>
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No payment is required at this time. Your retainer balance is $216.02. You will be required to add at least $50.00 to your account when your retainer balance falls below $75.00.
“Law Fish”
Ways We Try to Reduce Costs

• Relatively low salaries/profit
• Advance payment
• An efficient client database/billing system
• An online intake form, integrated with database
• Credit card system (Lawpay), integrated with database
• Document assembly
• Paralegal help
• Notaries at depositions
• Unbundled services (e.g., advice for 20 minutes, or one hearing only)
Limited Appearances

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
☐ CIVIL DIVISION
☐ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT
☐ FAMILY COURT
☐ PROBATE DIVISION
☐ TAX DIVISION

Plaintiff/Petitioner

v.

Case No. ________________

Defendant/Respondent

NOTICE OF LIMITED APPEARANCE

THE CLERK OF THE COURT will please note that I am entering an appearance limited to (select one and specify):

☐ date: ________________________________.

☐ time period: ________________________________.

☐ activity: ________________________________.

☐ subject matter: ________________________________.

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District Court of the District of Columbia | D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings
Google Calendar
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