



VOTE FOR CHANGE IN TROY CITY COURTS

Employees, Applicants and All Troy Residents,

As an employer with over 75 people working in Troy, I must speak up and call you to action.

I recently had the opportunity to attend city court and witness Judge Matthew J. Turner's court in action. I found it appalling. Landlords appeared well represented in Tenant/Landlord disputes against uneducated tenants with no representation. That's the state of the universe. However, Turner's court follows Supreme Court procedures. Evidentiary procedure must be followed and the case/law must be argued by both defense and plaintiff.

If Turner was not presiding over a Court of Claims this would not be an issue. However, he is requiring you to perform as an attorney would when you appear in his court. I saw less educated tenants fail to present evidence or argue cases. They didn't understand cross examination. They, without exception, defaulted their cases.

Personally, I had a commercial lease dispute from which we're confident we're entitled to a refund of our security deposit. This case was first adjourned due to the Defendant's failure to show up in court. Then, after an ex parte communication (outside the courtroom) between the Defendant's attorney and Judge Turner, a continuance was granted for 3 weeks later. The trial finished on June 23rd, and the Judge still hasn't made a decision. It's been over 2 months and Turner's clerk informs me that it may take 6 months.

Landlords were granted immediate judgements and evictions without any wait. I'm a tenant with a valid claim against a landlord. So, I have to wait it out.

The money we're waiting for won't change our lives. But if you're an apartment renter this must alarm you!

If you should ever face a landlord in Turner's court, you'd better know how to follow evidentiary procedure. You'd better know how to cross examine a witness and present a viable court case. If you don't, it doesn't matter who's right; you lose. You lose your home. You lose your security deposit. You lose justice.

Small claims courts, which use simplified procedures and require plain language, have tremendous promise as a means of empowering ordinary people to take charge of their own routine legal needs. Troy City Court punishes ordinary people and rewards landlords.

WANT JUSTICE?

1. Register to vote. NOW.
2. Choose a fair judge.
3. VOTE. VOTE. VOTE. VOTE.

If I can help or if you have a story to tell, please email info@TroyJobs.com. Good Luck.

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