



Seeking Research Memo on the Application of RICO to Slumlord Landlords

Summer Associate Project Exchange

Project Title

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Scope of Work

Timing

The deadline for this project is August 15, 2024.

Jurisdiction

IL

Contact Information

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Description


The majority of people living in affordable housing in Chicago are People of Color. More often than not these properties are in substandard condition, but there is very little the tenant can do to remedy the problems absent vacating the property. Oftentimes the landlord refuses to maintain the housing, allowing the units to become substandard or uninhabitable.

The Uptown People's Law Center seeks a research memo that explores the possibility of bringing a RICO action against a landlord who rents property knowing that there are substantial defects. While this would violate the warranty of habitability, the question is

whether would it also constitute fraud. If it could, then the question is what elements we need to turn that fraud claim into a RICO claim.

Subtasks (0)

Reminders(1)

 1 day(s) before

