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Dear Valued Client:

As we collectively experience a “new normal for now,” teetering on a fine line between everyday life and chaos, we hope that you are adapting and even thriving in this unique time! We are certainly united through these unprecedented times, and remain available to support you, and to serve your legal needs.

In our ongoing efforts to stay connected and to keep you informed, we are reaching out simply to send kind regards and to provide you some brief updates that may assist and/or affect your business practices.

As you are likely aware from our previous email advisories/communications, we are presently under national and state-wide moratoriums which impact eviction activities and filings. If you have not received our previous advisories or have any questions pertaining to such, please feel free to contact us.

Below, we have outlined some new updates and additional information since our latest advisories.

- Important update as to The CARES Act: The US House Committee on Financial Services has clarified that the temporary moratorium on eviction filings and late fees only applies to evictions for nonpayment of rent, and not for causes of action other than nonpayment of rent. The Committee further reminded renters that the CARES Act does not treat nonpayment of rent during the moratorium period as forgiven and these unpaid amounts will accrue during this period even if late fees are not assessed for covered properties under the CARES Act. You may review the full FAQ from the US House Committee on Financial Services [here](#). If you need our firm’s assistance with any questions or in preparing any notices for conduct other than nonpayment of rent, please do not hesitate to contact us. **REMINDER: Please note, our firm requires a written acknowledgment executed by ownership or an executive management member verifying if an asset is covered under the Cares Act before taking eviction action. We are recirculating the relevant acknowledgment as an attachment to this communication.**
- Various counties at the local level adopted procedures for pending cases submitted prior to the moratorium. If you filed a case prior to the federal moratorium on March 27, 2020, it is being handled on a case by case basis, and you may reach out to us for updates and guidance.
- The issuance of writs of possession are suspended state-wide through May 29, 2020.

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- Palm Beach, Dade, and Broward Counties have each issued administrative orders outlining health and safety measures to be recognized and practices including the use of facial coverings. See attached for your review and reference.

Additionally, attached hereto is a COVID-19 and Fair Housing FAQ article released by the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) for your review and reference. This publication provides some great information and may offer useful guidance.

Finally, we understand that due to the suspension of normal court activity, many have been or will be forced to find creative solutions for collections. With that said, we are here to be of service to your legal needs. If you need guidance or assistance with legal document preparation or any other legal support services, please feel free to contact us by phone or email. Our offices remain fully operational while still observing and exercising all proper safety protocols, including proper social distancing.

Please know that we are here for you, and we are continually sourcing ways to support you, your goals, objectives, and business operations. We will continue to provide updates to best guide you over the coming weeks and months as new information becomes available to us.

It is our pleasure to serve your legal needs, and we extend our thanks and appreciation for your partnership. Please contact us should you need anything whatsoever. We wish you and your family continued health, safety, and success.

With sincere appreciation for our affiliation,

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