



May 14, 2020

**RE: COVID-19- Important Update/Advisory Related to Eviction Activities - Governor Issues an Executive Order EXTENDING Eviction Moratorium - Immediate Review and Action Required**

Dear Valued Client:

In keeping with previous advisories, we are writing to you to provide new and important information related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) effects on your business activities, specifically related to non-payment eviction filings.

As you are aware, on April 2, 2020, Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-94 suspending eviction causes of action solely for non-payment for a period of 45 days, to wit, through on or about May 17, 2020. **However, today, May 14, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-121, extending the suspension of eviction causes of action solely for non-payment until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020.** This impacts your ability to file an eviction action for non-payment of rent and to issue statutorily driven notices demanding the payment of rent. However, it is important to note that the Order simply extends the terms of Executive Order 20-94, so residents have not been relieved from rent payment obligations.

Further, and as of now, Florida Supreme Court Order AOSCO20-17, which took effect on March 24, 2020 and suspends the issuance of Writs of Possession, remains in effect until the close of business on May 29, 2020.

It is important to note that the Executive Orders are applicable to the entire State of Florida, and should be evaluated and practiced in conjunction with the recently enacted CARES Act, which is Federal law and applicable nationwide for certain covered properties as outlined in our April 1, 2020 advisory. Please let us know if you did not receive our previous advisory pertaining to the CARES Act, and we will forward a copy immediately.

In addition to the federal and state acts pertaining to COVID-19, there continue to be varied municipal specific directives at the local levels. We implore you to stay informed as other restrictions may be in place in your local jurisdiction.

Our focus, dedication, and support continue to remain unwavering as we traverse these tumultuous times of uncertainty. We wish you continued health, happiness, and success. As always, we are here to support you. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,  
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