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RE: Important Update/Advisory: Expiration of CDC Eviction Moratorium and Status of Nonpayment Eviction Cases Moving Forward

Dear Valued Client:

We hope this correspondence finds you well. As you may be aware, on July 31, 2021, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's ("CDC") Order placing a moratorium on certain residential evictions officially expired. With that in mind, we wanted to provide you with a quick update as to the potential roadmap for getting things back to normal and completing the herculean task of dealing with the enormous backlog of stayed nonpayment eviction cases.

First and foremost, we want to express to you our gratitude for working with us through the pandemic. We understand how hard this time has been and appreciate that we all wish to return to a semblance of normalcy. However, we wish to stress that this process will take some time and will require the continued hard work, dedication, and cooperation between our team and yours.

What does the expiration of the CDC Eviction Moratorium mean for my currently stayed nonpayment eviction cases?

As you are aware, there is a tremendous backlog in nonpayment eviction cases stayed due to the CDC Eviction Moratorium. In fact, there are cases which are still open from as long ago as early 2020. As such, Florida's judiciary is going to be hard pressed to deal with the sheer volume of nonpayment eviction cases as judicial resources only stretch so far. With that in mind, our team will be addressing cases from oldest to newest in an effort to deal with the backlog as efficiently as possible. However, there will be inherent delays, and it may take significant time for the judiciary and our office to bring case turn-around to pre-pandemic timing.

Should I expect writs of possession to be issued immediately for my currently stayed nonpayment eviction cases?

No. As stated above, it is going to take weeks or months for the judiciary to deal with the voluminous backlog of eviction cases. This will likely mean the filing of thousands of motions and hearings and there simply are not enough available hearing dates or personnel to guarantee resolution of all outstanding cases in the near future. However, we know that with your continued support this situation will improve over time.



Did you accept a payment, regain possession, accept rental assistance or otherwise enter into a settlement?

If so, please notify our offices immediately. Please also confirm the reason for your cancellation request.

As a reminder, all cancellations must be in writing and should be sent to cancel@barfieldpa.com.

As always, our highest priority remains to support our valued clients through this uncharted territory. Of course, we will keep you informed should we become aware of any changes that will impact your business practices.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Warm Regards,

Your Friends at Barfield, McCain PA