

# TENANT RIGHTS

## \*\*\*\*\* Important Information \*\*\*\*\*

A tenant eviction is the legal procedure a landlord must follow to have a tenant removed from the landlord's property.

**REFER** to chapters 45 through 57 and chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes for information regarding tenant eviction cases.

- Copies of these statutes are available at the law library located at the Clearwater Courthouse, at your public library or online through the Florida Legislature website at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes>

**REVIEW** the Quick Reference Guide prior to completing any forms.

**RETAIN COPIES** of all forms filed for your records.

**DOCUMENTS MUST BE LEGIBLE**, type written or legibly handwritten in black or blue ink.

**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the names and addresses are the same on all documents.

**A DELAY CAN OCCUR** as a result of any errors on your paperwork.

**PAY TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT** the rent that is due as set forth in the landlord's complaint or as determined by the court once you have been served by a summons. You **MUST** pay the Clerk the rent each time it becomes due until the lawsuit is over.

**YOU MUST PROVIDE** self-addressed stamped envelopes and/or copies for each party for any issue requiring the Judge's signature or your issue **WILL NOT** be reviewed by the court.

*Information or forms provided by the Clerk of the Circuit Court should be considered as basic information only and may not be applicable to every situation. The information provided in this packet is not intended to be used as legal advice. Specific guidance concerning filing a lawsuit or questions about your particular situation should be directed to an attorney.*

**YOU CAN BRING YOUR COMPLETED FORMS TO ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES OR MAIL TO CIVIL COURT RECORDS:**

**Civil Court Records**  
315 Court Street Room 170  
Clearwater, FL 33756

**North County Branch Office**  
29582 US Highway 19 North  
Clearwater, FL 33761

**St. Petersburg Branch Office**  
545 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

If you have any questions, you may contact us at 727-464-7000.

If you feel you need further assistance or require any legal assistance regarding the completion and/or filing of these forms, you may want to contact an attorney or visit the Self Help Center.