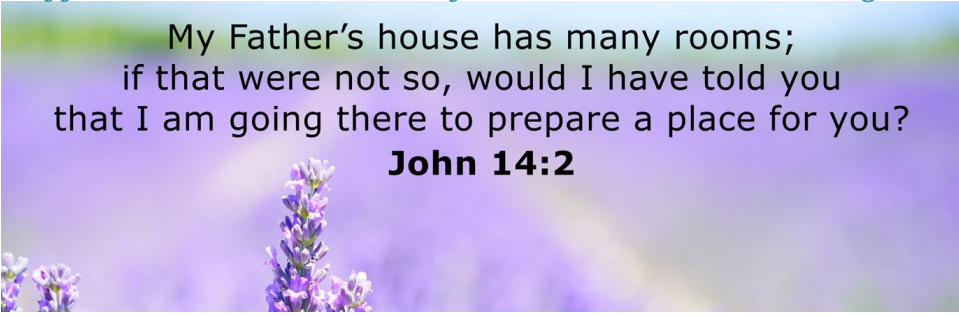




THE LEGAL ADVISOR

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My Father's house has many rooms;
if that were not so, would I have told you
that I am going there to prepare a place for you?
John 14:2

Financial Support for Renters and Landlords

by Lillie Burkons, Staff Attorney

According to the US Dept. of Treasury, more than 7 million Americans are behind on rent. To combat evictions and prevent displacement, the Biden-Harris administration passed the American Rescue Plan for Emergency Rental Assistance, allocating \$21.6 billion in rental assistance.

The ERA² offers aid directly to renters or landlords. Financial support is offered for issues that include rental payments, moving expenses, future rent, security deposits, and utility costs. Landlords must accept federal aid under ERA 2, which also requires less documentation than ERA¹. Furthermore, renters receiving assistance through this program can not be evicted for nonpayment of rent for a certain period of time.

Residents of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County having difficulty paying rent due to the pandemic's economic impact and who are eligible based on income can apply for these federal funds via CHN Housing Partners.

Required to apply are a photo ID, birth certificate or social security number for each member of the household, income for all householders 18 years old and older, and a copy of the lease with the landlord's phone number and email address.

Applications can be made online at chnhousingpartners.org or by phone by dialing 833-377-7368. Need help with an application? Contact Scranton Road Legal Clinic for more information.

Can I be Sued for that?

COMMON LEGAL MISCONCEPTION



At Scranton Road Legal Clinic we get this question, a lot. The answer to this question is usually YES. The reality is that the court MUST accept legal filings regardless of it is a good case or not. It could be completely ridiculous or not even allowed under the law but the Clerk of Courts MUST accept any filings.

The difference is that while people can file a law suit against almost anyone for anything, if you respond by answering the complaint, they may not win. That's why it is very important to respond to all legal documents you get in the mail. Call us to discuss any legal paperwork you have received.

COVID MASK UPDATE: Those who have been vaccinated **MAY** stop wearing masks. Under the CDC's new guidance, those who have not been vaccinated should still wear a mask and socially distance. Ohio recommends that everyone wear masks when in a healthcare setting, when traveling on public transportation (including airplanes), and when at a business or employer that chooses to require masks. Ohio has now ended the mandatory mask requirement.

UNUSUAL LAWS

Strange Laws Around the US

- In Maine, You may not step out of a plane in flight.
- In Akron - Posting signs at swimming pools is illegal..
- In Paulding, OH -A policeman may bite a dog to quiet it.



**Check out online virtual Know Your Rights Workshops at
www.scrantonroadministries.org/legal**

Formed in 2012, Scranton Road Legal Clinic educates and empowers our neighbors to make educated and prudent legal decisions, while providing the holistic support for the spiritual, emotional and relational problems that often accompany legal concerns. We offer brief advice via our brief advice telephone line at 216.861.5323 or via our online intake form at www.scrantonroadministries.org/legal. Contact us today to discuss your legal need.