



Maricopa County Justice Courts

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New Landlord-Tenant Help Available

Video series explains rights and responsibilities before, during, and after the eviction process

PHOENIX – The Arizona Commission on Access to Justice has produced videos in both English and Spanish that describe the eviction process for both tenants and landlords.

With evictions on the rise in Arizona, the Commission drew together a work group made up of Justice Court and Supreme Court staff, members from tenant assistance organizations, and landlord attorneys. The group created the videos and legal information sheets which cover most scenarios landlords and tenants face. Justice of the Peace Anna Huberman of the Country Meadows Precinct chaired the work group.

“I see so many people in my court who have no idea what their rights are,” Huberman said. “We think these videos and legal sheets will prepare them for what they are about to go through and hopefully help them avoid the eviction process in the first place.”

Topics include getting a security deposit back, what will happen in court, tenant defenses for non-payment of rent, what steps to take when the landlord is not following the lease, tenant obligations, and many more.

The information serves to increase residents’ access to justice, which Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Bales has named as one of the state’s most pressing legal needs.

The information is free and available online at www.azcourts.gov/eviction. The same information may be found in Spanish at www.azcourts.gov/desalojo.

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ABOUT:

There are 26 Justice Courts throughout Maricopa County. Each is presided over by an elected Justice of the Peace. These 'limited jurisdiction' courts handle civil lawsuits (\$10,000 or less, small claims cases (\$3,500 or less), evictions, misdemeanor offenses (shoplifting, writing bad checks, etc), and the full range of civil and criminal traffic offenses, including DUIs. Like other trial and municipal judges, they also preside over orders of protection and injunctions against harassment.

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