



Law Office Of Aaron Krolik: Chicago Tenant Rights Law May Entitle Renters To Doubled Security Deposit

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CHICAGO/EWORLDWIRE/June 15, 2006 --- Renters in Chicago often experience the pinch of paying large security deposits, the pains in dealing with uncooperative landlords and the aggravation caused by security-deposit deductions. Chicago tenant rights attorney Aaron Krolik wants anyone renting to contact him.

According to Krolik, for the last five years, Chicago tenants have been unaware of the following three landlord-tenant facts:

1) The Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, or RLTO, provides for damages in an amount equal to "two times the security deposit" for any of five security deposit violations.

2) Chicago landlords are held strictly liable for their actions.

3) The RLTO allows Chicago tenants to recover their attorneys fees and costs, if they prevail.

Aaron Krolik's Web site, www.securitydepositlaw.com, makes Chicago tenants aware of their rights by combining informative and interactive functions in a sleek design. The site incorporates photo examples of common security-deposit violations with a correct statement of the law in Chicago. In addition, Krolik's Web site offers tenants the capability to chat with him via "live person" sponsored technology. The result of all of this - a user-friendly, on-line tenant forum for no cost.

"Chicago landlords most commonly violate the RLTO by failing to pay security deposit interest annually and by failing to maintain security deposits in a bank account which is separated from rent or other income, called 'commingling,'" said Krolik.

"All Chicago tenants should request front and back copies of their rent and security-deposit checks or money orders to see where their money was deposited," he said. If landlords accept the security deposit and first month's rent on the same check, accept cash for the security deposit or return the security deposit with a personal check, Chicago landlords have most likely violated the law.

"Contact me for no cost," Krolik said. "Even though security-deposit commingling seems harmless and security deposit interest is small, the law may entitle Chicago renters to strict liability damages in the amount of two times the total security deposit plus the tenant's attorneys fees and costs. In other words, Chicago tenants have nothing to lose by visiting my site."

Aaron Krolik is a graduate of Indiana University School of Law and is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association. Attorney Krolik focuses on security deposit disputes in Chicago and has compiled numerous resources for Chicago tenants. Krolik's law practice also offers eviction and personal injury representation. To learn more about tenant rights and security-deposit rights, contact Aaron Krolik at (312)467-1075, or visit www.securitydepositlaw.com.

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