

Legal Representation of Small Business Tenants During COVID-19

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What are small business tenants facing?

- Confusing lease language
- Demands for back rent
- Unwillingness to negotiate
- Illegal lockouts, threats and harassment
- Lawsuits requesting money damages
- Language barriers

The value of legal representation

- Review of leases and other legal documents
- Clarification of tenant's goals, options, and leverage points
- Can help to bring landlord to the negotiating table
- Essential to respond to a lawsuit and avoid default judgment, or to respond to illegal lockouts.
- Breaking language barriers