VIRTUAL LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AS A MEANS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE

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What is reasonable regarding the landlord's right to show a property?

I’ve notified my landlord that I’ll be moving out in 3 months, when my lease is up.

He has started showing the apartment to potential tenants, but he refuses to give me any notice before showings.

I’ve asked for 24 hours notice before a showing, but the landlord won’t agree. He doesn’t even ask whether a time is convenient for me, he just shows up and he lets himself in if I’m not there.

Is there anything in the law about what is considered reasonable notice of a showing? Is there anything I can do to make him give me at least 24 hours notice, and to stop him from entering if I’m not there?

Also, are there any rules about how many showings to future tenants there can be? I feel like I have no privacy any more.

I’d appreciate your advice.
Closing the Legal Aid Gap: An Exercise on Collaborative Researching

Learning Objectives:

- Apply legal research skills learned throughout the 1L year
- Engage in collaborative legal research for a real client under realistic time constraints
- Understand the importance of pro bono work to provide access to justice
- Take into account audience to determine how to communicate legal analysis to non-lawyers
- Reinforce client confidentiality concerns
- Introduce students to how technology can provide pro bono opportunities

When to Use This and How Long It Will Take: Use in the spring semester after the students have received a solid foundation of research instruction, and the focus has shifted to efficient research strategies. The exercise could be used in a subsequent class to discuss the answers.
Leveraging Technology to Provide Access to Justice
Pizza & Pro Bono: Suffolk Law Research Blitz

Wednesday, November 1
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Sargent Hall
Suffolk University Law School
120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA

Join us for a pro bono pizza party while we work with volunteer attorneys from Mass Legal Answers Online (MLAO), the Volunteer Lawyers Project, and Suffolk Law Alumni to answer legal questions for low income Massachusetts residents through Mass Legal Answers Online. You can make an immediate difference to someone struggling to resolve their legal problem.

Both law students and Suffolk Alumni are invited to participate.
Eviction question - how much time to move after no fault eviction if household includes someone on SSD

Dear X,

I am sorry to hear about the eviction.

The Court is not required to give you time to find another place; however...

I cannot tell exactly where you are in the eviction process. Below is a link to sample forms and information.

I hope this information is helpful.
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