

To Whom It May Concern:

I moved into my apartment in Worcester County in March of 2018. Right after I moved in, I started getting court notices stating that I was late with rent. My landlord kept taking me to court each month and adding fees. I went to court by myself each month. I showed the Judge my receipts each month saying that I had paid rent. The Judge would throw the case out. I thought I won the case, but the next month I would get a notice saying that I owed them money and another court notice. I had all of my receipts and knew I was right, but my landlord kept harassing me for the money. This went on every month for almost two years.

I was scared and nervous. I thought I was going to be evicted and homeless, with nowhere to go. I felt hopeless. Finally I said enough is enough and went to Maryland Legal Aid for help and I didn't have any money to hire a lawyer. My landlord stopped harassing me. They showed my landlord that I had been paying my rent. My landlord stopped filing on me in court and I stopped receiving notices since the attorney stepped in. I'm not nervous anymore. I feel like I was given a voice.

I couldn't have done it without a lawyer. I borrowed money from people for two years to pay the money that my landlord kept claiming I owed. I paid money that I shouldn't have had to pay. I haven't gotten any more notices or late fees since getting a lawyer. It was pure hell what they put me through.


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