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Civil Right to Counsel



Civil Right to Counsel E-Alerts

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NCCRC UPDATES

We're seeking a nonprofit strategic planner & management/operations consultant! The National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel continues to grow. We have issued a comprehensive [Request For Proposals \(RFP\)](#) to hire a strategic planner/operations consultant to assist with internal and external planning for all our civil right to counsel work. Please share the RFP with anyone or any organizations that may be interested. If you have any recommendations for individuals or entities, please let us know at info@civilrighttocounsel.org.

Deadline to indicate interest in applying: March 15, 2024

Deadline to submit application materials: April 5, 2024

WEBINAR TODAY AT 11AM (PT) / 2PM (ET)!



Advancing Racial & Health Justice Through a Right to Counsel for Tenants

Learn how the public health field can support a right to counsel for tenants facing eviction.

**Wednesday, March 6th
11-12pm PT / 2-3pm ET**

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A safe and stable home is the foundation for a healthy life, but remains out of reach for many. New laws that guarantee a right to counsel for tenants facing eviction offer a promising opportunity to address this and related racial and health inequities. **Join Us for a Webinar TODAY 11am PT / 2pm ET!**

- Learn more about right to counsel laws and steps that public health practitioners can take to support the right to counsel to advance racial and health justice;
- Be the first to preview and receive the new resource: *Advancing Racial & Health Justice Through a Right to Counsel for Tenants: A Primer for the Public Health Field.*

[Register](#)

This webinar is for public health practitioners, lawyers, organizers, local government staff and officials, and all those interested in advancing health through a right to counsel for tenants.

Speakers will include experts in the field working to pass, implement, and evaluate right-to-counsel efforts:

- Will Dominie, *Human Impact Partners*
- Pablo Estupiñan, *Strategic Actions for a Just Economy*
- Brittany Giles-Cantrell, *the de Beaumont Foundation*
- Danya Keene, *Yale School of Public Health*
- Maria Roumiantseva, *National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel*
- Melissa Marichal Zayas, *ChangeLab Solutions*

This webinar and new resource are brought to you by [Human Impact Partners](#), [National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel](#), [Results for America](#), [PolicyLink](#), and [ChangeLab Solutions](#), in partnership with the [de Beaumont](#)

RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR TENANTS FACING EVICTION

State and Local Updates

To learn more about existing RTC ordinances and laws, visit the [NCCRC's Enacted Eviction RTC Laws Matrix](#).

Connecticut. Governor Ned Lamont proposed an [adjustment](#) to the state budget that would add an additional [\\$2 million in ARPA funding](#) for the state's [right to counsel program](#). Our Coordinator, John Pollock, penned an opinion piece in the [CTMirror](#) emphasizing the benefits of legal representation in the state and across the country, to support the budget ask.

Los Angeles. An LA Times op-ed by RAND Associate Economist recently made some oppositional arguments to RTC that we at the NCCRC addressed in a [writeup on our website](#). Barbara Schultz of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, penned this short and excellent [Letter to the Editor](#) in response.

Massachusetts. RTC efforts are ongoing in [Boston](#) and at the state level ([H4360](#) and [S864](#) are currently pending). The [Boston Globe](#) covered this work and a [new analysis](#) indicating that only 4% of tenants in nonpayment cases had access to counsel, compared to 90% of landlords. Check out the [Massachusetts RTC Coalition](#) for more!

New Orleans. [CityHealth](#) has released [a new video](#) featuring the [New Orleans RTC program](#), which earned a Gold medal. CityHealth partnered with the NCCRC to develop the Legal Support for Renters policy in their [2.0 policy package](#).

New York City. The Office of Civil Justice issued the [latest evaluation](#) of the [RTC program](#). The [video recording](#), [written transcript](#), and [written statements](#), from the Feb. 28th public hearing are available.

North Carolina. The Charlotte Housing Justice Coalition is [calling](#) for RTC and funding through Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte. [QCityMetro](#) has more, and NC Newsline Editor Rob Schofield recently issued [commentary in favor of the RTC initiative in Winston-Salem](#) and said he hopes the idea "soon catches on across the state."

Tennessee. The [Tennessee Lookout](#) covered the "[More for Memphis](#)" plan, which includes RTC for tenants.

New Resources

Cassie Chambers Armstrong, [Gideon Is in the House: Lessons from the Home-Renters' Right-to-Counsel Movement](#), Harvard Civil Rights- Civil Liberties Law Review (CR-CL), Vol. 59, No. 1, 2024.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND IMMIGRATION

New York. Immigration legal scholar Marielena Hincapié and Cornell immigration law professor Stephen Yale-Loehr wrote a *Perspectives* piece for [Law360](#) imploring the New York legislature to fund immigration legal services and to

pass the Access to Representation Act ([S999A](#)), which would provide a right to counsel for immigration cases.

CIVIL RIGHT TO COUNSEL RESOURCES

- [RTC Status Map](#)
 - [RTC Comprehensive Bibliography](#)
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