



THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR TENANTS FACING EVICTION: ENACTED LEGISLATION

Even before COVID-19, there were over [3.6 million evictions filed every year](#), demonstrating the system has been in crisis for some time. And the stakes are severe because tenants who have been evicted don't just lose their immediate housing: they also face losses of mental and physical health, child custody, employment, educational attainment, and physical property. Those made homeless by eviction risk incarceration and criminal prosecution, and during COVID-19, evicted tenants faced increased [exposure to the virus](#). In addition, [even a filing of eviction](#), regardless of the outcome, reduces housing opportunities and can remain on a tenant's record for years. These consequences are not experienced equally: Black female renters face eviction [twice as often](#) as white tenants. Yet when facing an eviction, on average [only 4% of tenants are represented, compared to 83% of landlords](#).

Tenant representation decreases the likelihood and overall impact of these consequences. **Throughout this document you will see the reported results from the tenant RTC programs, which show that the programs are succeeding at a high level.** And we have more such data on our [website](#).

In recognition of the interests at stake, effectiveness of counsel, power imbalance between landlords and tenants, race equity considerations, and cost savings, the jurisdictions below have enacted a right to counsel for tenants facing eviction in just the past four years, and the movement is still growing. The movement's success has a great deal to do with the commitment and efforts of community organizers around the country. We at the [National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel \(NCCRC\)](#) support the efforts of organizers, legal services organizations, policymakers, and other stakeholders by providing technical support, campaign guidance, research resources, and supportive testimony.

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The information provided herein is not legal advice.

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National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel at www.civilrighttocounsel.org.

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New York City (2017)	Income (200% or less of FPL) or are a senior	Full rep for income-eligible tenants; brief assistance for others	No (but does cover NYCHA terminations)	Yes	No	Not specified	Begins no later than first scheduled or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Duration not specified.	Not specified	General revenue (\$166 million)
San Francisco (2018)	No, but if LL lives in same dwelling unit it's exempted.	Not specified	Yes	Possibly	No	Not specified	Begins 30 days after tenant served with eviction notice or upon service of unlawful detainer complaint, whichever is first. Lasts until judgment or case withdrawn or dismissed.	Not specified	General revenue (\$17 million)
Newark (2018)	Income (200% or less of FPL)	Ongoing legal rep and all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated w/such rep	Yes	Possibly	No	Not specified	Begins no later than first scheduled appearance or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Duration not specified.	No (except rent control bd decisions)	General revenue (\$750,000) + private funding (unknown amount)
Cleveland (2019)	Income (100% or less of FPL) + 1 child	Full rep unless infeasible to render	No	No	No	Not specified	Begins as soon as possible after initiation of proceeding, and no later than first scheduled appearance. Duration not specified.	Not specified	General revenue (\$1 million over 2 years) + federal (\$1 million ARPA) + private (\$3 million)
Philadelphia (2019)	Income (200% or less of FPL)	Full rep	Yes	Yes	Yes (specified proceedings)	Not specified	Begins ASAP after initiation of proceeding, notice of intent to initiate proceeding, or when Designated Organization determines it should be initiated, and no later than first scheduled	Yes	General revenue (\$2.8 million/yr for 4 years) + other City revenue (\$1.5 million) + private (\$1.5 million over 3 yrs)

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Boulder (2020)	No	Full rep	Yes	No	Yes (to suppress eviction record from prior proceeding)	Notice of RTC must be provided along with notice to quit/termination of voucher or demand for compliance.	Begins as soon as tenant is "threatened with an action that may result in eviction" or notice of Section 8 termination. Lasts until matter withdrawn or dismissed, or receives final judgment.	Yes	Rental license excise tax raised to \$75
Baltimore (2020)	No (but low-income priority)	Ongoing legal rep all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated w/such rep. Includes filing of notice of appearance	Yes	Yes	Yes (specified proceedings)	Notice of RTC must be provided along with lease as well as upon serving of eviction complaint or Section 8 termination.	Begins as soon as practicable after initiation but no later than first appearance if possible. Duration not specified.	Yes	Federal (originally \$2.5 million CDBG-CV; now \$1 million ARPA), \$200k general revenue, \$400k from sheriff's budget)
Seattle (2021)	Indigency (unable to pay counsel costs)	Not specified	No	No	No	Notice of RTC must be provided with any notices/summons given to tenant as part of eviction process, and failure to do so is defense to eviction.	Begins as soon as practicable after service of summons for unlawful detainer suit. Lasts at least until complaint is withdrawn, case is dismissed, or judgment is entered.	Not specified	General revenue (\$750,000)
Louisville (2021)	Income (125% or less of FPL)	Full rep unless infeasible to render	No	No	No	Not specified	Begins as soon as possible after initiation of proceeding, and no later first scheduled appearance. Duration not specified.	Not specified	Originally ERAP, now general revenue (\$350k)

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Denver (2021)	Income (80% or less of AMI)	Full rep	Yes	Possibly	No	Notice of RTC must be given at time of executing lease, at all times of rent demands, or upon notice to terminate subsidy.	Begins as soon as practicable after initiation proceeding, but no later than first scheduled appearance. Duration not specified.	Yes	Federal (\$2.7 million ARPA)
Toledo (2021)	Income (200% or less of FPL)	Full rep unless infeasible to render	No	No	No	Not specified	Begins as soon as possible after initiation of proceeding and no later than second scheduled appearance in the proceeding. Duration not specified.	Yes	General revenue (\$1.25 million over 5 years)
Minneapolis (2021)	No (program director can change)	Ongoing legal rep and all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated w/such rep, but can be modified by Program Director	No	Possibly	No	Not specified	Begins prior to first scheduled appearance in covered proceeding. Lasts "thereafter at all covered proceedings."	Yes (pgm dir. can change)	Was federal (\$1 million ERAP) and general revenue (\$250k), but now \$750k in City general revenue + \$3 million in County general revenue for rep for the whole County, including Minneapolis
Kansas City (2021)	No	Full rep	No	No	No	Notice of RTC must be provided to all current tenants and to new tenants prior to lease execution.	Begins immediately after suit is filed. Lasts at least until case is dismissed or final judgment entered.	Yes (atty can file for de novo trial where appropriate)	General revenue (\$1.6 million) + federal (\$1.8 million ERAP)
New Orleans (2022)	No	Not defined	Yes	Yes	Yes (seeking injunctive relief for illegal eviction)	Notice of RTC must be provided when eviction	Begins upon receipt of notice of eviction, termination of tenancy, or	Yes (where appropriate)	Originally federal (\$2 million ERAP) but replaced by

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						proceeding commenced, when notice of subsidy termination is issued, and by the court when rule for possession is served.	lease non-renewal. Duration not specified.		\$2.3 million in general revenue
Detroit (2022)	Income (200% or less of FPL)	Full rep	Yes	Yes	No	Not specified	Begins no later than first scheduled appearance or as soon thereafter as is practicable and as scheduled by the court. Lasts through any post-judgment process.	Yes	State (\$2.5 million general revenue) + federal (\$6 million ARPA per year for 3 years) + private (\$12 million over 3 years)
Westchester County (2023)	Income (below 300% of FPL or below 60% of AMI for full rep)	Full rep for income-eligible individuals; brief legal assistance for all others	Yes	Yes	Yes (improper rent increases, restoring tenant to occupancy, restoration or maintenance of essential services)	Not specified	Begins as soon as practicable. Duration not specified.	Yes	General revenue (\$250k)
Jersey City (2023)	No, although current funding only covers those at 80% or below of AMI	Full rep	Yes	Yes	Yes (violations of rent control or building maintenance laws)	Owners must provide notice of RTC at time of executing lease, upon any rent demand, and at time of service of notice of eviction.	Begins “as early as immediately after service of eviction/ejectment notice or service of unlawful detainer complaint”, and no later than 1 week prior to first appearance in court. Duration not specified.	Yes (subject to discretion)	Developer fees (anticipated \$4 million)
St. Louis (2023)	No	Full rep	Yes	Yes	No	Owners must provide notice of RTC at same time as serving notice to	Begins as soon as LL provides notice to terminate or not renew a tenancy, or as soon thereafter as is	Yes (if designated org deems meritorious)	Federal (\$685k FRF)

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						terminate tenancy.	practicable. Duration not specified.		
Los Angeles County (2024)	Tenants of “lower income” (defined in code)	Full rep	No	No	No	Landlord must provide notice at time of bringing eviction action	Not specified	No	ARPA (\$21 million)
Columbus OH (2024)	Tenants <100% of FPL who have children	Full rep	No	No	No	Not specified	Not specified	No	\$1 million general revenue, \$500k ERAP funds
Los Angeles City (2025)	tenants at 80% or below of AMI who don't live in same unit as LL and apply for services w/in 30 days of eviction complaint	Not specified	Yes	No	No	At time of lease up and again at time of notice of eviction	Until eviction withdrawn, case dismissed, judgment entered, or any post-judgment motion has been ruled upon	No	Measure ULA (\$30 million to start)
Washington State (2021)	Indigency (200% or less of FPL or receiving public assistance)	Not specified	No	No	No	Notice of RTC must be provided along with notice to quit and with summons / complaint.	Begins when the eviction lawsuit is commenced by either service of an eviction summons or filing of the case, and continues as long as the right to possession remains the primary issue, including appeals.	Yes	General revenue (\$11.4 million)
Maryland (2021)	Income (50% or less of state's area median income)	All rep beyond brief legal advice and is not limited to the formal entry of appearance in court	Yes	Yes	Yes (constructive evictions)	Notice of RTC provided by sheriff at time of serving of summons/complaint.	Begins as soon as possible after serving of notice to terminate, initiation of eviction, or when designated org determines it must initiate filing related to constructive eviction. Duration not specified.	Yes if designated org deems meritorious)	Abandoned property fund (\$14 million) and general revenue (\$3.5 million)

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Connecticut (2021)	Income (80% or less of state's area median income, or receiving one of the listed kinds of public assistance)	Rep in covered matter and all legal advice, advocacy and assistance associated w/such rep	Yes	Yes	No	Notice of RTC must be served with notice to quit, summons / complaint, lease termination notice, and notice to terminate subsidy.	Receipt of notice to quit is included in definition of "covered matter", so it begins that early.	Not specified	Federal (\$20 million FRF)
Minnesota (2023)	Public housing tenants facing breach of lease	Not specified	No	Yes	No	Notice of RTC must be in complaint.	Counsel appointed at initial hearing. Duration not specified.	No	General revenue (\$60k)
Nebraska (2024)	Public housing tenants in "cities of the metropolitan class" (currently, only Omaha)	Not specified	Yes	Yes	No	Not specified	Counsel appointed prior to hearing. Duration not specified.	No	Unclear, but PHA pays after appointed counsel fee determined by court

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RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR TENANTS: LOCAL ENACTMENTS			
NEW YORK CITY (2017) Code Provisions: § 26-1301 et seq (original bill) Int 673 (seniors; not yet codified) Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Covers any summary proceeding in housing court to evict a covered individual, and New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) administrative proceedings to terminate tenancy. Covered Individuals: All respondents in covered proceedings have access to brief legal assistance. Tenants with income that is 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are eligible for full legal representation. All NYCHA tenants receive access to legal services, defined as brief legal assistance or full legal representation. Also, anyone who is a senior is eligible regardless of income. Type of Representation: full representation for income-eligible tenants; brief assistance for others. Timing/Duration of Representation: No later than first scheduled or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Not specified	Program Title: “Universal Access to Legal Services” / “Right to Counsel” Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Fully implemented. Prior to the passage of this law, NYC began funding legal services for tenants facing eviction more substantially. The local law was implemented in 2017. The program is coordinated by the Office of Civil Justice (a new agency created under Human Resources Administration), and the coordinator is permitted to promulgate rules to effectuate the law. A 2021 amendment made implementation citywide as of 6/1/21. Community Engagement Requirements: no advisory committee, but § 26-1306 requires City to work with designated community groups on tenant outreach / education. Funding: General revenue. Administration funding in FY22 is \$166 million. Service Providers: Designated organizations can be non-profits only. Expansion: • Int. 1529-A (enacted): requires the Office of Civil Justice coordinator to work with community groups in educating tenants about their rights in housing court • Int. 2050-A (enacted): required implementation of access to legal services for tenants facing eviction proceedings in housing court citywide by 6/1/21	Reporting Requirements: A written annual report is required (which must be posted online) and must include: • number of tenants of buildings operated by NYCHA that received legal services disaggregated by specific characteristics • outcomes of the proceedings immediately following legal services provision • expenditures for the program Available Data: The Office of Civil Justice has a dedicated page for reports, including RTC reports. 2024 findings: • There were 126,236 petitions filed for eviction, the vast majority of which concerned nonpayment of rent; • Between 33-67% of tenants (depending on the borough) received full representation; • For those tenants receiving full representation, between 72-93% of represented households (depending on the borough) were able to remain in their homes. Report archives are available online.

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		Int 673 extended the right to counsel to all seniors regardless of income	
SAN FRANCISCO (2018) Code Provisions: Chapter 58 Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Covers all proceedings to evict tenants from their residence in San Francisco city and county. Might cover public housing / subsidy termination cases depending on interpretation of the word “evict”. Covered Individuals: No income limit; no other eligibility criteria to receive services. Does not apply where LL lives in same dwelling unit. Type of Representation: not specified Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins 30 days after tenant served with eviction notice or upon service of unlawful detainer complaint, whichever is first. Lasts until judgment or case withdrawn/dismissed. Notice to Tenants: Not specified	Program Title: Tenant Right to Counsel (TRC) (Ballot: No Eviction Without Representation Act) Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: City and County of San Francisco are required to establish, run, and fully fund the program. Coordinated by the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development. Must be implemented within 12 months of enactment. Implementation began in 2019, but the program was not fully funded until 2021. Currently the program is fully implemented across city and county. Community Engagement Requirements: no Funding: General revenue. \$17 million was allocated in 2021. Service Providers: 10 legal services providers (non-profits), with Eviction Defense Collaborative serving as the lead agency for design and implementation.	Reporting Requirements: No reporting required. Available Data: 2024 report: 92% of tenants assisted by the RTC avoided homelessness, 63% of those receiving full representation were able to stay in their homes, compared to 45% of those receiving limited scope representation - Only 72% of the cases involved nonpayment of rent, meaning that more of a quarter of cases involved other issues (nuisance, breach of lease, etc.) 83% of those receiving assistance were extremely low income and another 12% were low income, meaning only 5% were above the low-income level
NEWARK (2018) Code Provisions: Chapter 19:3 Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Eviction proceedings and administrative/ grievance hearings with public housing and/or public agencies that provide rental assistance after agency has taken some action (including termination of or notice of termination of subsidy) that adversely affects a tenant’s rights, duties, welfare, or status and could result in eviction. After 2021 amendment, also includes appeals of rent control board decisions that adversely affect tenant’s rights, ability to pay rent, or otherwise retain occupancy. Covered Individuals: Income is 200% of FPL, residing in the city of Newark and “either facing	Program Title: Office of Tenant Legal Services program (no specific name). Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Passed by Newark City Council, with a “Declaration of Emergency.” Established the Office of Tenant Legal Services (“OTLS”) under the Department of Economic and Housing Development. After a 2021 amendment, “provision of legal services” includes a referral to the Law Department for appointment of an attorney from a Designated Organization independent of the Office of Tenant Legal Services program to provide free legal representation for covered proceeding.	Reporting Requirements: Annual report required, which must be posted online, must include: - number of covered individuals - number of individuals currently receiving legal services and the actual number of individuals who received legal services for the prior year disaggregated by the specific characteristics - outcomes immediately following the provision of full legal representation - number of non-payment and holdover petitions filed in Landlord-Tenant Court - number of warrants of removal served by landlords

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	eviction or some action by a governmental assistance-providing agency (including termination/ notice of termination of subsidy) that adversely affects a tenant's rights, duties, welfare or status and could result in eviction, and whose case poses no conflict of interest to the city." According to the Office of Tenant Legal Services ("OTLS"), there is an "income exception" for applicants who are "age 60 or older and infirm." Type of Representation: "Ongoing legal representation provided by a designated organization to an income-eligible individual and all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated with such representation." Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins no later than first scheduled appearance or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Not specified	Community Engagement Requirements: no Funding: There is currently \$750,000 in City funding. The ordinance specifically provides "if authorized by State and Federal law, the creation of a Landlord Tenant Fund, to receive funds to be used exclusively to provide legal defense services to Newark tenants facing eviction." Additionally, an unspecified amount of funding is being provided by Victoria Foundation and Santander Bank. Service Providers: Allows non-profit + for profit legal services providers. Amended in September 2019 to expand pool of eligible providers. Expansion: Amended in August 2021 as a result of a lawsuit filed against the city clerk and Municipal Council to expand the definition of "covered proceeding" and to add a new subsection "(c)" to Provision of Legal Services", as described earlier.	Additionally, Coordinator of Office of Tenant Legal Services (OTLS) must hold annual public hearing to receive recommendations and feedback. Available Data: Data could only be located for 2020, when OTLS reported in a Memo to the Mayor that 33% of its represented cases had been dismissed, while another 23% had been settled (either with no moveout or extra time to move). Unclear if OTLS has ever held annual public hearing. A report from Results for America on Newark includes number of tenants served but not outcomes data.
CLEVELAND (2019) Code Provisions: § 375.12 Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Any proceeding in Cleveland Municipal Court, Housing Division ("Housing Court") to evict, eject, or terminate the tenancy of a covered individual. Covered Individuals: Eligible if up to 100% of the FPL + occupies dwelling with at least 1 child. Designated orgs must "...provide high quality, full legal representation in accordance with ABA standards, unless the individual is ineligible, there is a conflict of interest, or other circumstances make full legal representation infeasible to render." Type of Representation: full representation unless "the individual is ineligible, there is a conflict of interest, or other circumstances make	Program Title: Right to Counsel – Cleveland (RTC-C) Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Fully implemented across entire city as of July 2020. Program is administered by a "lead partner organization" (LPO) (currently the United Way of Greater Cleveland) and designated organizations provide the representation. Collaboration between the Cleveland City Council, Legal Aid, United Way of Greater Cleveland, and Legal Aid's Housing Justice Alliance. Community Engagement Requirements: no Funding: \$1 million of general revenue over 2 years, \$1 million of ARPA funding, and \$3 million in "bridge" funding from the United Way of Greater Cleveland to help launch the program.	Reporting Requirements: Designated organizations report to LPO quarterly. LPO must provide an annual report to the City Council (public disclosure not mandated), including: • number of covered individuals served • extent of legal services performed • metrics evaluating outcomes • projected budgeting needs for full representation to all covered individuals • summary of the engagement and education of tenants. Available Data: Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and the United Way of Greater Cleveland have a dedicated website for RTC reporting.

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	full legal representation infeasible to render”, at which point brief legal assistance. Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as possible after initiation of proceeding, and no later than first scheduled appearance. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Not specified	Service Providers: Designated organizations can be non-profits or an entity TBD.	According to Stout’s 2024 evaluation of the project: - Of the 89% of RTC clients who had the goal of preventing an eviction or involuntary move, that goal was met 81% of the time - Of the 55% of RTC clients who had the goal of securing 30 or more days to move, that goal was met 88% of the time - Of the 25% of RTC clients who had the goal of securing rental assistance, that goal was met 76% of the time
PHILADELPHIA (2019) Code Provisions: § 9-808 Regulatory Provisions: Office of the Managing Director Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Any judicial or administrative proceeding to evict or terminate the tenancy or housing subsidy; any proceeding deemed by a designated org. as the functional equivalent of such a proceeding; any first appeal of such proceeding; any judicial or administrative proceeding to remedy a violation of the Philadelphia Fair Housing Ordinance, or Prohibition Against Unlawful Eviction Practices. Covered Individuals: Covers tenants, including those in housing authority, whose annual gross income does not exceed 200% of the FPL. Full legal representation for all covered individuals is required unless it is infeasible. Type of Representation: full representation Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins ASAP after initiation of proceeding, notice of intent to initiate proceeding, or when Designated Organization determines it should be initiated, and no later than first scheduled appearance. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: not specified	Program Title: Legal Representation in Landlord Tenant Court / Philadelphia Eviction Prevention Program (PEPP) Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Coordinated by a mayoral office which oversees health and human services; ordinance provides for a “Managing Director” who has authority to promulgate, or delegate promulgation of, rules related to the program. Phase-in process set out by Managing Director; only effective once Managing Director certifies they are “prepared to spend appropriations to fund such legal representation.” Full Legal Representation “may be prioritized by reasonable standards as provided by regulation” if projected need exceeds funds. Community Engagement Requirements: no Funding: \$2.8 million/year for 4 years in general revenue, \$1.5 million in other City revenue, and \$1.5 million/year for 3 years from JP Morgan that will help fund advocacy (but not direct services) around eviction alternatives, right to counsel, and eviction record screening protections. Service Providers: Designated orgs. can be non-profits only. Includes provision for community group involvement for tenant outreach, engagement, and education.	Reporting Requirements: Managing Director Annual must submit annual written report to City Council (no public disclosure required) and must include: - number of covered individuals served - extent of full legal representation performed - metrics evaluating outcomes - summary of the engagement and education of tenants Available Data: The City of Philadelphia has a dedicated page for RTC reports. Data for FY23: 970 cases opened; 700 closed - Represented tenants more than 2x likely than unrepresented tenants to get judgment by agreement that is more favorable - Default rate for represented tenants 2.8%, compared to 38.7% for unrepresented tenants A report by Philadelphia City Councilmember Helen Gym, Reduce Evictions & Transform the System: Lessons from Philadelphia, looks at the impact of a number of changes to the eviction laws in Philly, including RTC. The report finds

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			that eviction filings and court delays have been reduced, and discusses the lessons learned from rolling out the different protections.
BOULDER (2020) Code Provisions: 12-2 et seq. (RTC provisions), 3-20-1 et seq. (rental excise tax) Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Evictions, counterclaims related hereto, Section 8 terminations, and appeals from the foregoing. Full representation includes appearances in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Also covers proceeding to suppress records of prior eviction proceeding. Covered Individuals: No income limit or other eligibility requirements (tenant must be a respondent or have standing to be a respondent). Type of Representation: full scope representation Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as tenant is “threatened with an action that may result in eviction” or notice of Section 8 termination. Lasts until matter withdrawn or dismissed, or receives final judgment. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC must be provided along with notice to quit/termination of voucher or demand for compliance.	Program Title: No Evictions Without Representation (NEW). Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Fully implemented across the entire city. City establishes, runs, and fully funds the program to “provide legal representation and / or rental assistance.” City Manager is responsible for full implementation as soon as practicable but no longer than 12 months after effective date. If state or federal program provides representation in eviction, City has no obligation to provide legal services. The role of a “Tenants’ Legal Services and Assistance Coordinator” is created to serve at the pleasure of the City Manager. Community Engagement Requirements: Tenants’ Committee advises the Coordinator (\$1,000 stipend annually). Requires 5 members who are tenants in the City of Boulder and do not own real property, and “The City shall endeavor to ensure that the committee membership is reflective of the racial, gender, and sexual orientation of the City’s tenants.” Funding: Program is funded by increasing the “Rental License Excise Tax” to \$75, which is attached to each dwelling unit that is not exempt from rental licensing requirements.	Reporting Requirements: Annual report required to be submitted to Mayor / City Manager and posted online, which must include: • estimated number of individuals who experienced a covered proceeding • number of individuals who received legal representation disaggregated by specific characteristics • outcomes immediately following the provision of full legal representation • orders for possession filed in county court • writs of restitution issued in county court in forcible entry and detainer proceedings • residential evictions conducted by the county sheriff Available Data: Boulder eviction dashboard as of Jan 2025: only 4% of represented tenants got an eviction on their record, compared to 42% of unrepresented tenants, while 59% of the cases ended with the tenant staying in their unit, the case being dismissed, or the tenant given a reasonable amount of time to relocate.

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		Service Providers: Legal services providers can be nonprofits, private law firms, and private attorneys.	City of Boulder 2021 report : 63% of cases from the Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Services program (EPRAS) avoided eviction, which was a 26% increase. In essence, all tenants who appeared in court and were provided an attorney avoided eviction; only the no-show tenants were given an eviction order. No data could be located subsequent to 2021.
BALTIMORE (2020) Code Provisions: Art. 13 § 6A-1 Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Covers any judicial or administrative proceeding to evict, terminate tenancy, terminate subsidy, functional equivalent of such a proceeding, any first appeal, and proceedings to remedy the violation of sections of the rent escrow law (including landlord retaliation / non-compliance with the lease) or real property law related to self-help eviction Covered Individuals: No income limitation. Covered individual is defined as any individual who occupies a dwelling in Baltimore under a claim of right other than the owner and includes tenants of the Baltimore City Housing Authority. The ordinance includes a priority based on income level with individuals with the lowest median income receiving the highest priority. Individuals shall receive legal representation unless circumstances make it infeasible (such as conflict of interest). Type of Representation: "Ongoing legal representation provided by a designated organization to an income-eligible individual and all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated with such representation ... includes the filing of a notice of appearance on behalf of the covered individual in a covered proceeding."	Program Title: Tenant's Right to Counsel in Eviction Cases Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development oversees the program with input from the Baltimore City Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission. This includes the authority to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the program. Legal representation is to be phased in over a period of 4 years, taking into consideration specific factors set out in the ordinance including prioritization of certain individuals, availability of funding, availability of lawyers, scope of the need, and other specific logistical considerations. Community Engagement Requirements: no advisory committee. Commissioner "may engage designated community groups to engage and educate tenants about their rights". Funding: \$1 million ARPA, \$200k general revenue, \$400k from sheriff's budget Service providers: Designated organizations can be nonprofit only. Ordinance includes provisions for community groups to conduct outreach, engagement, and education.	Reporting Requirements: Annual written report is required to the Mayor and the City Council, and posted on the City's website Must include: • number of covered individuals served • extent of legal representation performed • metrics on evaluating outcomes • engagement and education of tenants Available Data: An undated report from Baltimore's Department of Housing and Community Development described some implementation details but had no data. In 2024, the Maryland Legal Services Corporation released data for FY24 showing that • 82% of the tenants who received full representation avoided disruptive displacement; • Tenants served "receive[d] more than \$110,000 in housing judgments and avoid[ed] more than \$745,000 in direct costs."

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SEATTLE (2021) Code Provisions: § 22.206.195 Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Unlawful detainer suits under Ch. 59.18 RCW. Covered Individuals: Covers all indigent tenants in Seattle named in an unlawful detainer suit. Indigency is defined as “at any stage” of the unlawful detainer action, the tenant is unable to pay the cost of counsel because available funds are insufficient to retain counsel. Entities with which the City contracts to provide legal representation are authorized to establish the process to determine and verify indigency. Type of Representation: not specified Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as practicable after service of summons for unlawful detainer suit. Lasts at least until complaint is withdrawn, case is dismissed, or judgment is entered. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC must be provided with any notices/summonses given to tenant as part of eviction process, and failure to do so is defense to eviction.	Program Title: Right to Legal Counsel in Eviction Proceedings Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Director will contract with attorney organizations. Department is not specified but likely to be the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections since they will oversee tenant education on right to counsel and have contracted with the Housing Justice Project since 2018 to provide legal support to renters. Community Engagement Requirement: no Funding: \$750,000 of general revenue. Service Providers: Legal representation is done by agencies contracted by the City who have experience, location near the King County Courthouse, and ability to provide services in multiple languages. The ordinance specifies the partnership the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections and the Housing Justice Project.	Reporting Requirements: No reporting specified. Only required reporting is for the contracted attorney organization to report the number of cases and attorney hours spent on court proceedings beyond or in lieu of representation. Available Data: The King County Bar Association’s Housing Justice Project (which staffs Seattle’s RTC) has a data page but there is no data subsequent to passage of the RTC.
LOUISVILLE (2021) Code Provisions: LMGCO 151.61	Covered Proceedings: Covers any proceeding in Jefferson County District Court, Eviction Court, to evict, eject, or terminate eligible tenant’s tenancy.	Program Title: Limited Legal Representation to the Indigent in Eviction Court (no specific name). Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing.	Reporting Requirements: Quarterly written report from a designated organization to the LPO is required. Annual written report by LPO to Council is required and must include: • number of covered individuals served

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Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Individuals: Anyone whose annual gross income does not exceed 125% of FPL. Designated organization must provide full legal representation unless conflict of interest or other circumstances make full legal representation infeasible. Prior requirement that tenant have a child was removed in 2022. Type of Representation: full representation unless “there is a conflict of interest, or other circumstances make full legal representation infeasible to render”, at which point brief legal assistance. Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as possible after initiation of proceeding, and no later first scheduled appearance. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Not specified.	Implementation: Creates a lead partner organization (LPO), which is to be an agency under the Office of Resiliency and Community Services or the Office of Housing (or other agency) with capacity to establish and implement the program. Such LPO has authority to enter contracts with designated org. to provide representation. LPO must establish and administer a program to provide eligible tenants with brief legal assistance when full legal representation is not possible. Community Engagement Requirements: no Funding: The program was initially funded with \$400k in federal Emergency Rental Assistance funds appropriated for the Office of Resilience and Community Services (\$310k specifically to Legal Aid Society, and \$90k to Coalition for the Homeless), but that was subsequently replaced by \$500k in general revenue, then lowered to \$350k. Service Providers: Designated organizations can be non-profit that either provide legal services (names Legal Aid Society specifically) or conduct social services and other outreach. Ordinance specifically provides for ability to enter contracts for non-legal social services work and outreach work related to evictions and homelessness.	• extent of legal services performed • metrics evaluating outcomes • projected budgeting needs for full representation of all covered individuals • summary of engagement and education of tenants Available Data: An undated RTC Homelessness Prevention Report from the Legal Aid Society found that 1,515 children were prevented from becoming homeless as a result of the tenant RTC program, while 2024 data from the program shows that 99% of the tenants who received extended representation either delayed or avoided an eviction in 2024 Q4, while 97% “either avoided or delayed their eviction with enough time to find alternative housing.”
DENVER (2021) Code Provisions: § 27-211 et seq Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: All judicial and administrative proceedings related to a tenant facing eviction, civil claim for monetary damages for nonpayment, proceeding deemed by designated organization as the functional equivalent of such a proceeding, appeals, any action by gov’t agency to terminate subsidy or otherwise adversely affect tenant’s rights, duties, welfare, or status. Covered Individuals: Tenants seeking access to legal services including those of Denver Housing Authority, with income equal to or less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). Priority for covered individuals with the lowest AMI.	Program Title: Right to Counsel / Bill: “Eviction Legal Defense Bill.” Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: City is to provide funding, subject to appropriations and oversee the procurement and selection process of designated organizations. Executive director of the Department of Housing Stability has authority to promulgate rules and regulations for administration and implementation. Community Engagement Requirements: no	Reporting Requirements: Annual report required (no public disclosure of report required). Annual report must include: • number of covered individuals served or denied services • description of legal representation performed and cost per case • income levels of covered individuals served and covered individuals who were denied service for income qualification • information that was voluntarily disclosed concerning demographics of individuals served • disposition or outcome data

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	Type of Representation: full representation Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as practicable after initiation proceeding, but no later than first scheduled appearance. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC must be given at time of executing lease, at all times of rent demands, or upon notice to terminate subsidy.	Funding: \$2.7 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding. Service Providers: Designated organization can be any entity with capacity to provide legal representation.	Available Data: A 2023 report from the Denver Office of Housing Stability found that only 3% of clients were formally evicted, 34% were able to remain in their home, and an additional 8% left their home with no eviction record. Results were not known for the other 55% of clients.
TOLEDO (2021) Code Provisions: § 1768.01 et seq. Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Covers any proceeding in Toledo Municipal Court for the eviction or ejection of a tenant, termination of tenancy, or any appeal of such proceedings. Covered Individuals: Tenants whose annual gross income does not exceed 200% of FPL. Designated organization must seek to provide full legal representation unless ineligibility, conflict of interest, or other circumstances making full legal representation infeasible. Type of Representation: full representation unless “the individual is ineligible for the organization’s services, there is a conflict of interest, or other circumstances make it infeasible to provide Full Legal Representation”, at which point brief legal assistance. Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as possible after initiation of proceeding and no later than second scheduled appearance in the proceeding. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Not specified	Program Title: Tenants’ Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings. Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Designated organization is charged with promulgating regulations and funding limits. There is a 5-year phase in period in the law, with potential for expansion. Community Engagement Requirements: Designated organization “will work with other organizations or associations, including Designated Community Groups, to advertise in the media and hire (a) community engagement specialist(s), and to engage and educate tenants of their rights and available resources.” Funding: \$250,000/year for 5 years was immediately appropriated for the program out of general revenue. Service Providers: Designated organizations are defined to be non-profits only. Ordinance provides for designated community groups to advertise in the media and engage and educate tenants on rights and resources. Ordinance specifically names Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. as designated org. to assign itself or Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (or other organization) to provide legal services.	Reporting Requirements: Designated Organization must provide annual written report to City Council (no public disclosure required) and must include: • number of covered individuals served • extent of legal services performed • metrics evaluating outcomes • summary of the engagement and education of tenants Available Data: The Toledo Blade reported in February 2023 that “ Of the 139 cases closed so far, nearly 88 percent, or 122, of those cases were successful in avoiding eviction. As a result, 177 adults and 190 children were able to stay in their homes.” In 2023, the City issued a press release stating that “ During the first year of the Right to Counsel (RTC) project, legal aid was provided to 222 households facing eviction. A total of 602 individuals were assisted by RTC staff, who represented tenants in 227 eviction cases. In 210 of these cases, RTC provided comprehensive representation and limited assistance in 5 cases, with legal advice given in 12 others.” No outcomes data could be located.

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MINNEAPOLIS (2021) Code Provisions: § 143.10 Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Currently covers any proceeding to evict a covered individual including eviction actions, counterclaims, and appeals. Whether administrative proceedings to end a public housing tenancy are included would depend on the interpretation of “evict”. The program director, “based on budgetary and resource availability and to maximize program effectiveness and impact, may modify or expand the proceedings to be covered by the program.” Covered Individuals: Covers all tenants in city of Minneapolis, including those in dwellings required to be licensed under Ch. 244 (Maintenance Code) and those living in building operated by PHA. Ordinance specifically permits the program director “based on budgetary and resource availability and to maximize program effectiveness and impact” to establish additional requirements, including income eligibility. Type of Representation: Ongoing legal representation and all legal advice, advocacy, and assistance associated with such representation...” but this can be modified or expanded by the program director, “based on budgetary and resource availability and to maximize program effectiveness and impact.” Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins prior to first scheduled appearance in covered proceeding. Lasts “thereafter at all covered proceedings.” Notice to Tenants: Not specified	Program Title: Right to Counsel Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Sets up a program director, which is a role defined in the ordinance as either the director of the Civil Rights department, or their designee within that department or another appropriate city department.” The program director has “authority over the formation, necessary contracting, budgeting and administrative duties associated with the implementation and maintenance of the tenant right to counsel program established by this chapter, to the extent the program is and remains funded by the city or through other available and legal means.” The ordinance states that the “provision of legal services to covered individuals in covered proceedings shall occur on a schedule and in a manner agreed to by the program director and designated organization through the selection process.” The program director is required to consult and cooperate with the district court to maximize effectiveness, access to, and impact of the program. Community Engagement Requirements: no Funding: Originally it was federal (\$1 million ERAP) and general revenue (\$250k), but now \$750k in general revenue and \$3 million in County general revenue that goes towards representation for the whole County, including Minneapolis. Service Providers: Designated organization can be one or more organizations, associations or persons who have been selected by the program director to provide legal representation (pursuant to contracting procedures). Does not have to be a nonprofit.	Reporting Requirements: Program director must prepare a written annual report (no public disclosure specified, nor to whom the report goes), which must include: • number of covered individuals served • extent of legal services performed • income limits, if any, set by the program director • number of covered individuals who did not receive legal services • other metrics evaluating outcomes and program performance Available Data: no data could be located.
KANSAS CITY (2021) Code provisions § 35-20 et seq	Covered Proceedings: “any petition or complaint arising from a property located within the City of Kansas City filed by a property owner that demands removal of a tenant from the tenant’s current residence, including those	Program Title: Tenants’ Right to Counsel Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing.	Reporting Requirements: Program director must provide written annual report to mayor, city council and city manager (no public disclosure required) that includes:

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Developments: NCCRC Website	seeking possession for the non-payment of rent, property, holdover, retaliatory evictions or proceedings for ejectment. Covered proceedings include cases filed in venues outside Kansas City, such as Independence, Liberty, Platte City, and Harrisonville, where the property at issue sits within Kansas City.” Attorneys can file for <i>de novo</i> trial. Covered Individuals: All persons legally occupying a rental unit (no income or other requirements). Type of Representation: full scope representation Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins immediately after suit is filed. Lasts at least until case is dismissed or final judgment entered. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC must be provided to all current tenants and to new tenants prior to lease execution	Implementation: Housing and Community Development Department provides the Director of the program. Director coordinates with service providers, works with courts on data sharing and notice to tenants, oversees single-point-of-contact intake, and provides status reports. Funding: \$1.6 million of general revenue + \$1.8 million ERAP. Community Engagement Requirements: Director is advised / overseen by Tenants’ Right to Counsel Committee made up of 7 voting member tenants who don’t own property (other requirements of committee members specified in ordinance). Also non-voting members from legal services organizations. Meeting and membership terms specified in ordinance. Service Providers: must have “history of work on housing issues and tenant rights.”	• number of covered individuals participating in covered proceeding • number of covered individuals receiving legal representation, disaggregated by demographic data • a variety of outcome metrics Available Data: A September 2023 story in KCUR reported that the latest data from Kansas City shows “2,042 cases have received legal representation since the start of the program. In 1,672 of those cases — about 82% — the judge either dismissed the case or ruled in favor of the tenant.” Additionally, a 2023 report from the Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom (a RTC provider) specified that 86% of represented tenants stayed housed and had no eviction record.
NEW ORLEANS (2022) Ordinance Text: 33,682 (amended) (will eventually be § 50-150 et seq) Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: any legal or administrative proceeding to terminate tenancy or housing subsidy, proceedings seeking injunctive relief related to illegal eviction, and appeals with good grounds. Covered Individuals: All tenants Type of Representation: not defined. Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins upon receipt of notice of eviction, termination of tenancy, or lease non-renewal. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC must be provided when eviction proceeding commenced, when notice of subsidy	Program Title: Tenant Eviction Assistance Program and Right to Counsel Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Office of Community Development Department administers program, develops regulations, and conducts performance reviews. Community Engagement Requirements: no Funding: Originally federal (\$2 million ERAP) but replaced by \$2.3 million in general revenue Service Providers: can be a person, law firm, nonprofit, or other entity based on competitive selection process.	Reporting Requirements: Office of Community Development must conduct review and provide report to City Council as well as post publicly. Review must cover: • number of covered individuals served • household makeup • Nature of legal proceeding • Extent of legal representation provided • Case dispositions Available Data: No report could be located from directly from the Office of Community Development, but Jane Place Neighborhood Sustainability Initiative (JPNSI) subcontracts with the City to do data/evaluation and likely is fulfilling the

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	termination is issued, and by the court when rule for possession is served.	Misc: “The failure of the court or the petitioner to comply with the requirements established herein may give rise to dilatory exception of prematurity and/or an affirmative defense to eviction.”	reporting requirement. JPNSI's 2023 RTC report found that for the 6,322 cases observed: • Tenant representation rates rose from 6% pre-RTC to 39%. • The average number of represented cases with "positive outcomes" was 53.9%. A positive outcome was defined as a) dismissal; or b) a consent judgment that results in no eviction record and may result in the tenant remaining in the unit. If cases that were continued (22% of all cases) are removed from the case totals, the rate of positive outcomes rises to 69%. With respect to consent judgments, court monitor data indicated that roughly 30% of the consent judgments involved a tenant remaining in the unit. • Roughly 30% of those who had to move had at least 2 weeks to do so. And only 1.66% of represented tenants faced a "rule absolute eviction", i.e. a 24-hour vacate deadline.
DETROIT (2022) Ordinance Text: 01614 (will eventually be § 22-8-1 et seq, or somewhere in Chapter 22) Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: any proceeding to recover possession or any administrative proceeding threatening occupancy, including evictions, mortgage foreclosures, property tax foreclosures, land forfeiture proceedings, and threats to rent subsidies, plus appeals and proceedings to recover possession after illegal self-help eviction Covered Individuals: All tenants at 200% or below of the FPL Type of Representation: Full legal representation	Program Title: Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Oversight by the Coordinator of the Office of Eviction Defense, assigned to Housing and Revitalization and Development Department. Director of the Department promulgates procedural administrative rules. Community Engagement Requirements: Coordinator must hold one community meeting per year to receive recommendations and feedback.	Reporting Requirements: Coordinator must submit report to Mayor and City Council and must post online. Report must cover: • Number of people served, disaggregated by demographic information • Outcomes: possession, signed order of eviction, extra time to vacate, executed orders, rent arrears reduction, repairs ordered, settlement details, retention of housing subsidy Available Data: The Detroit Office of Eviction Defense's website has RTC-related information.

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	Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins no later than first scheduled appearance or as soon thereafter as is practicable and as scheduled by the court. Lasts through any post-judgment process. Notice to Tenants: Not specified	Funding: State (\$2.5 million general revenue) + federal (\$6 million ARPA per year for 3 years) + private (\$12 million over 3 years) Service Providers: Competitively procured nonprofit or other entity with capacity to provide services per standards of ABA Standards for Provision of Civil Legal Aid.	A 2024 report from the City of Detroit found that 46.3% of tenants who received full representation. For tenants who relocated, 94% received at least 30-days to vacate. Only 0.6% of cases resulted in a bailiiff-executed eviction.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY (2023) Ordinance Text: 2022-262 (will eventually be Chapter 187) Developments: NCCRC website	Covered Proceedings: evictions, challenge to “a rent level based upon a landlord’s failure to provide proper notice of a rent increase” as required by state law; maintaining a tenant in possession or restoring a tenant to occupancy, holdover cases, “restoration and/or maintenance of essential services, the deprivation of which has caused or may cause the client to vacate the residential rental premises”, administrative proceedings that “would result in the termination of tenancy, rental subsidy, or other rental assistance”, and appeals Covered Individuals: All tenants below 300% of the FPL or below 60% of AMI receive full rep; all others receive brief legal services Type of Representation: Full legal representation for all income-eligible individuals; brief legal assistance for all others Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as practicable. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Not specified	Program Title: n/a Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Creation of the Office of Housing Counsel within Department of Social Services; Director to be appointed by County Executive Community Engagement Requirements: Director must “undertake community engagement and education regarding access to counsel by working with designated community groups to educate and inform tenants and occupants about their rights in covered proceedings, including but not limited to holding know your rights education sessions, distributing written information to tenants and occupants and facilitating referrals of tenants and occupants to designated community groups.” Funding: \$250k from general revenue Service Providers: nonprofit organizations designated by the County Expiration: Program set to sunset 4 years after creation absent further action from the County	Reporting Requirements: Director must submit a report to County Executive and County Board of Legislators, and posted online. Report must contain: • Number of people served, disaggregated by demographic information • Numbers of different types of cases • Outcomes: possession and displacement • Expenditures • Community engagement/education activities Available Data: Data not yet available.
JERSEY CITY (2023) Ordinance text: Ord. 23-047 (RTC)	Covered Proceedings: evictions, admin proceedings to terminate housing subsidies or tenancy, proceedings related to violations of the maintenance code, and proceedings related to violations of rent control laws. Appeals are covered, subject to discretion.	Program Title: n/a Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Creation of the Division of	Reporting Requirements: Designated Organizations must submit twice-a-year reports to Director as well as post online, and reports must include: • Number of people served, disaggregated by demographic information

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Ord. 23-048 (developer fee) (will eventually be § 218-7 et seq and § 160-2 et seq) Developments: NCCRC website	Covered Individuals: All tenants, although established funding can only be used for those at 80% or below of AMI Type of Representation: Full legal representation Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins “as early as immediately after service of eviction/ejection notice or service of unlawful detainer complaint”, and no later than 1 week prior to first appearance in court. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Owners must provide notice of RTC at time of executing lease, upon any rent demand, and at time of service of notice of eviction.	Tenants’ Right to Counsel within the Department of Housing, Economic Development & Commerce Community Engagement Requirements: The Director “may engage designated community groups to inform and educate members of the public about their rights and responsibilities including through activities such as: a. hosting “know-your-rights” trainings and other workshops; b. distributing written information; c. assisting tenants with the formation and maintenance of tenant associations; d. referring tenants to advocacy groups; and e. engaging in any other activity designed to engage, educate or inform tenants and members of the public about their rights.” Funding: \$4 million from developer fees Service Providers: “nonprofit organization, legal services clinic, or other organization, including but not limited to those that work in collaboration with the private bar or law students or paralegal professionals to offer pro bono services, or a for-profit legal services provider/association/partnership that provides legal representation” and has capacity	- Outcomes: possession and displacement - Expenditures Available Data: Data not yet available.
ST. LOUIS (2023) Ordinance text: Board Bill 59 (codified provisions not available yet) Developments: NCCRC website	Covered Proceedings: Any judicial or administrative proceeding to terminate tenancy or housing subsidy, extra-judicial evictions, unlawful utility disconnections, or the functional equivalent of any of these. Appeals covered if designated organization deems it meritorious. Covered Individuals: all tenants Type of Representation: full representation Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as LL provides notice to terminate or not renew a tenancy, or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Owners must provide notice of RTC at same time as serving notice to terminate tenancy.	Program Title: n/a Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Tenant Legal Services Coordinator position within the Department of Human Services Community Engagement Requirements: Coordinator “shall work with designated community groups to engage and educate tenants and others about the program, including: a. distributing written information to tenants and property owners; b. assisting tenants to form and maintain tenant associations; c. referring tenants to designated community groups; and d. engaging in any other activity designed to engage, educate or inform tenants about their rights.” Funding: \$685k of federal FRF funding	Reporting Requirements: Coordinator must review program annually and submit report to DHS Director as well as post on City’s website. Review must contain: - Number of individuals served - Extent of legal rep performed - Metrics on evaluating outcomes - Engagement/education of tenants - Instances of serial filing on same household/property Available Data: Data not yet available.

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		Service Providers: any persons or organizations selected by the City	
LOS ANGELES COUNTY (2024) Ordinance text (Chapter 8.60 codified provisions not available yet) Developments: NCCRC website	Covered Proceedings: Unlawful detainer or “equivalent legal proceeding”. Covered Individuals: tenants of “lower income” as defined in California Health and Safety Code section 50079.5. Type of Representation: full representation Timing/Duration of Representation: Not specified, although appeals not covered unless approved by the County Dep’t of Consumer & Business Affairs. Notice to Tenants: Owners must provide notice of RTC at same time as serving notice to terminate tenancy, and must post in “an accessible area of the Rental Property and in any available on-site management office.” Landlord failure to provide notice where failure makes tenant unable to participate in program creates cause of action against landlord and tenant “may be awarded civil penalties, injunctive, declaratory and other equitable relief, restitution and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.”	Program Title: Tenant Right to Counsel Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Handled by County’s Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. “If demand for Program services exceeds available Program funds or resources, the Department will have sole authority to prioritize the provision of services based on any reasonable considerations, including, but not limited to: 1. Utilizing economic, geographic or other data to identify, predict, and minimize displacement risks; 2. The availability of funding from other sources; or 3. The availability of Designated Organizations.” Community Engagement Requirements: “The Department will work with the Designated Community Group, and/or other partners, to engage and educate Tenants about the Program.” Funding: \$21 million of federal ARPA funds Service Providers: anyone able to provide full scope representation, which can include a “nonprofit organization, legal services clinic, for-profit legal services provider, or other equivalent organization.”	Reporting Requirements: no reporting requirements specified. Available Data: Data not yet available.
COLUMBUS OH (2024) Ordinance text: 3510-2024 Developments: NCCRC website	Covered Proceedings: Forcible entry / detainer Covered Individuals: tenants at or below 100% of the federal poverty level who have children. Type of Representation: full representation unless circumstances make it infeasible to render Timing/Duration of Representation: Once an action has been filed. Notice to Tenants: Not specified.	Program Title: Not specified Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Handled by Department of Development. Community Engagement Requirements: Not specified Funding: \$1 million in general revenue, \$500k in emergency rental assistance funds	Reporting Requirements: designated organizations must submit report annually to the Council detailing “the number of Covered Individuals served, the extent of the legal services performed, metrics that evaluate the outcomes, and a summary of the engagement and education of tenants.” Available Data: Data not yet available.

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		Service Providers: any legal services program or entity able to provide legal services pursuant to standards set by the American Bar Association.	
LOS ANGELES CITY (2025) Ordinance text (codified provisions not available yet) Developments: NCCRC website	Covered Proceedings: “(1) an unlawful detainer proceeding or any other proceeding to terminate a Tenant’s right to possession of a rental unit; or (2) an administrative proceeding concerning a Tenant’s rental housing subsidy that may result in the termination of the subsidy. This term does not include an appellate proceeding or a proceeding for judicial review of an administrative agency’s determination with respect to termination of a rental housing subsidy.” Covered Individuals: tenants at 80% or below of AMI who a) do not reside in the same unit as their landlord; b) apply for services within 30 days of service of complaint and are not in default Type of Representation: not specified other than being “representation”. Timing/Duration of Representation: “until at least such time as the Eviction Notice or unlawful detainer complaint is withdrawn, the case is dismissed, a judgment in the case is entered, or any post-judgment motion has been ruled upon by the trial court.” Notice to Tenants: Owners must provide notice of RTC at the time the tenancy begins and it must be in the tenant’s language if the City has made a notice available in that language. Also must be attached to any eviction notice or notice of termination of rental subsidy.	Program Title: Right to Counsel Program Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Handled by the Los Angeles Housing Department. Community Engagement Requirements: not specified Funding: \$30 million from Measure ULA (which created tax on sales of property worth more than \$5 million). Service Providers: not specified.	Reporting Requirements: no reporting requirements specified in ordinance, although funding mechanism (ULA) does have data reporting requirements. Available Data: Data not yet available.

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RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR TENANTS: STATE LAWS			
WASHINGTON STATE (2021) Code Provisions: RCW 59.18.640 (RTC) RCW 2.53.050 (funding) RCW 59.18.057 (notice) Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Requires court to appoint counsel to an indigent tenant facing an unlawful detainer action under Chs. 59.18, 59.12 (Forcible Entry and Forcible and Unlawful Detainer) and 59.20 (Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act). Appeals are covered pursuant to RAP 15.2. Covered Individuals: Indigency requirement. “Indigent” is defined to include any person “who, at any stage of a court proceeding” is receiving one of the forms of public assistance as set out in the law or has an annual income, after taxes, of 200% of FPL. Priority to indigent tenants who reside in the counties with the most evictions and to indigent tenants who are disproportionately at risk of eviction. Type of Representation: not specified Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins when the eviction lawsuit is commenced by either service of an eviction summons or filing of the case, and continues as long as the right to possession remains the primary issue, including appeals. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC must be provided along with notice to quit and with summons/complaint.	Program Title: Right to Counsel Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: court appoints counsel Implementation: The program is administered by the Office of Civil Legal Aid (“OCLA”), which is an independent judicial branch agency. Ordinance outlines the requirements of OCLA about implementation in Sec. 9 of Ch. 59.18. An implementation plan was released in July 2021. Utilizes the Eviction Defense Screening Hotline to determine income eligibility. Community Engagement Requirements: no Funding: \$11.4 million in general revenue for FY23. Service Providers: OCLA can enter contracts with attorneys and agencies for legal services. State pays the costs of the legal services performed by the appointed attorney.	Reporting Requirements: No annual report requirement specified. Available Data: Washington State’s Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) maintains a reports page that includes the RTC reports. OCLA’s 2024 data release found that: • 81% of closed cases resulted in permanent housing being secured for the tenant. • 56% of cases resulted in tenants remaining in their homes, subject to UDA. • The program saved tenants \$13,721,039 in total. OCLA’s 2023 report found that: • Among all case outcomes: 26.3% of cases were dismissed, 27.3% ended with a negotiated agreement for the tenant to move, and 15.2% ended with a negotiated agreement for the client to stay • Approximately one-fifth of clients received rental assistance and one-fifth received extra days to move • Of the 398 cases with recorded savings amounts, clients saved an average of \$9,500 • Only 15% of cases ended with a writ of restitution, which is an eviction judgment

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			against the tenant requiring the tenant to leave a residence
MARYLAND (2021) Code Provisions: Md. Real. Prop. § 8-901 et seq. Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: judicial and administrative proceedings to evict or terminate a tenancy or housing subsidy; first appeal of a decision in the proceeding (if designated organization determines that there are sufficient legal grounds). Can file affirmative case related to constructive eviction. Covered Individuals: Covers tenants, including those in buildings owned, operated, or managed by a PHA, who are a “member of a household with an income that is not greater than 50% of the median income, adjusted for household size, in the State...” Type of Representation: “All representation by an attorney beyond brief legal advice and is not limited to the formal entry of appearance in court.” Timing/Duration of Representation: Begins as soon as possible after serving of notice to terminate, initiation of eviction, or when designated org determines it must initiate filing related to constructive eviction. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC provided by sheriff at time of serving of summons/complaint.	Program Title: Access to Counsel in Evictions Program Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: The Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) administers the program, as well as the “Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund” as described in the law. Law also creates an Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force, which is required to evaluate the provision of legal services, study potential funding sources, and make recommendations for implementation improvement (including policy and statutory changes). Community Engagement Requirements: The Maryland Legal Services Corporation “shall designate and contract with appropriate community groups to conduct outreach and provide education to tenants locally and throughout the State regarding tenants’ rights and the access to legal representation under this subtitle.” Additionally, the law creates an Access to Counsel Task Force within the Attorney General’s office staffed by a variety of people, including at least 2 representative of community groups as well as tenants. Funding: The law provides for an “Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund.” This fund can be used for activities provided by a designated organization and community group, services provided by a local jurisdiction which enacts a local program authorized by this law, MLSC administrative expenses, and expenses related to the study and evaluation of services provided for in this law and amount of funding necessary to fully effectuate the access to counsel in evictions proceedings. In 2022, Maryland’s General Assembly enacted SB 662 and HB 571 / SB 279, which provided \$11.8 million of abandoned property funds for the right to counsel through 2024 as well as set up an Eviction Defense Fund. In 2023, the legislature enacted HB 200 (appropriating \$3.5 million in general revenue) and SB 756 (making the requirement that	Reporting Requirements: The Maryland Legal Services Corporation must submit an annual report to the General Assembly and Governor (no public reporting requirement). The report must include: • number of covered individuals provided legal representation during the previous calendar year • information on and metrics evaluating case outcomes • summary of the engagement and education of tenants The Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force must make a separate report to the Governor and General Assembly. This report publishes the Task Force’s findings and recommendations concerning its evaluation of service provision, including performance of designated organizations and community groups, potential funding sources, and how to improve implementation. Available Data: MLSC has an annual reports page, and one section of their reports addresses RTC. The FY23 report mentions that “During FY23, Stout worked with MLSC and the legal services providers to develop an extensive list of data elements to be collected for program evaluation. Twenty data elements will be collected in same-day representation cases and fifty-six data elements will be collected in all other ACE cases. The legal services providers

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		Comptroller distribute certain amount of abandoned property funds to the eviction RTC program run through 2027). At present, the program has \$14 million annually in abandoned property funds funding. Service Providers: Designated organizations can only be nonprofits. MLSC has authority to contract for all of part of the legal services required. MLSC will contract with community groups, defined as non-profit entities with capacity to conduct tenant outreach and provide engagement, education, and information.	began collecting and reporting on these data elements to Stout at the start of FY2024.” The Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force website holds information from that task force. Its 2024 report states that of the 3,795 cases where full representation was provided in FY2023, 76% of tenant households avoided disruptive displacement, and tenants received more than \$415,000 in housing judgments and avoided more than \$4.5 million in direct costs.
CONNECTICUT (2021) Code Provisions: Ct. Stat. § 47a-75 Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Notice to quit, summary process action instituted against a covered individual pursuant to Ch. 832 or Ch. 412, or any administrative proceeding to preserve a state or federal housing subsidy or prevent a proposed termination of the lease Covered Individuals: Covers all income-eligible residential tenants or occupants, including those in manufactured homes. Income eligibility is defined as household income at or below 80% of the state’s median income (adjusted for size) at the time of representation OR receiving public assistance (as defined in the law) Assistance Type: “Representation in a covered matter provided by a designated organization to a covered individual, and all legal advice, advocacy and assistance associated with such representation, subject to and in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct.” Timing/Duration of Representation: Receipt of notice to quit is included in definition of “covered matter”, so it begins that early. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC must be served with notice to quit,	Program Title: Right to Counsel Program Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: providers connect with tenants prior to eviction hearing or at the hearing. Implementation: Launched in January 2022. Creates an “administering entity” to be contracted by (or a party to an agreement with) the Judicial Branch. The administering entity, in consultation with the working group and designated organizations, will establish the phase-in process taking into consideration specific information as outline in the law. Judicial Branch can also appoint additional housing mediators if funding provided. Community Engagement Requirements: Establishes a working group to advise on and effectuate the program with appointments made by various government people and requiring members to serve a 4-year term. The Department of Housing provides administrative support for the working group. Funding: Administering entity is responsible for funding. The law allows the administering entity to receive funds or services from the state or federal government, corporations, associations, or individuals to fund legal representation, education and outreach, and costs of administration. The Governor has put \$20 million of ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds into the program. Service Providers: Designated organization is a nonprofit that meets specific requirements outlined in the law. A designated organization is authorized to contract with community	Reporting Requirements: The administering entity must submit an annual report to the joint standing committees of General Assembly (no public disclosure required). The report must include: • number of covered individuals provided legal representation • extent of legal representation provided • any outcomes achieved, such as the rates of tenant representation, tenant retention of housing or other appropriate outcome measures • engagement and education of tenants\ Available Data: A 2023 report from Stout found that of the 80% of RTC clients who sought to prevent an involuntary move, that goal was met 64% of the time between Jan. 2022 and Nov. 2023. Additionally, of the 55% who wanted to secure 30 days or more to move, 75% were able to achieve that goal.

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	summons/complaint, lease termination notice, and notice to terminate subsidy.	organizations to provide legal representation and/or education and outreach.	
MINNESOTA (2023) Code Provisions: MN. Stat. § 504B.268 Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Breach of lease Covered Individuals: Public housing tenants Type of Representation: not specified Timing of Representation: Counsel appointed at initial hearing. Duration not specified. Notice to Tenants: Notice of RTC must be in complaint.	Implementation: effective August 1, 2023 Community Engagement Requirements: no Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: court appoints counsel Notice: Eviction complaint must indicate right to appointed counsel in 12-point type Funding: General revenue (\$60k) Service Providers: "Counsel appointed by the court must (1) have a minimum of two years' experience handling public housing evictions; (2) have training in handling public housing evictions; or (3) be supervised by an attorney who meets the minimum qualifications under clause (1) or (2)." 	Reporting Requirements: none specified. Available Data: Data not yet available.
NEBRASKA (2024) Code Provisions: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-15,139(5) Developments: NCCRC Website	Covered Proceedings: Public housing administrative termination proceedings and related evictions, where tenant has requested a hearing to contest the termination or PHA files in court for recovery of the premises. Covered Individuals: Public housing tenants in "cities of the metropolitan class", defined as cities that "have attained a population of four hundred thousand inhabitants or more as determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census..." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 14-101. As of 2024, Omaha is the only qualifying city. Type of Representation: not specified Timing of Representation: Counsel appointed prior to the contested hearing Notice to Tenants: not specified	Implementation: Unclear Community Engagement Requirements: no Mechanism for Provision of Counsel: "The housing agency shall file an application with the county court or district court of the county in which the premises is located. The court shall appoint counsel to represent the resident in the hearing and in any related action for recovery of possession of the premises." Notice: Not specified Funding: Unclear, but appointed counsel paid by PHA after proper fee determined by court Service Providers: "Counsel appointed by the court must (1) have a minimum of two years' experience handling public housing evictions; (2) have training in handling public housing evictions; or (3) be supervised by an attorney who meets the minimum qualifications under clause (1) or (2)." 	Reporting Requirements: none specified. Available Data: Data not yet available.

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