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## WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD LEGAL SERVICES REPORT September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### By the Numbers

- We've opened 456 cases year to date
- In August we opened 67 new files
  - Self Help Data is pending

### In the News & Good Stories

- Bassell, Taylor Marie, The Writ, Securing Dignity: A call for Legislative Reform to Safeguard Nevada's Vulnerable Adults (August 2024)

#### *NNLA shines a light on Landlord using Protection Order Process to Evict Seniors*

NNLA represented 70 yr old disabled Veteran and uncovered a string of protection order filings by a vexatious Landlord who was improperly using the process to evict people. The attorney helped the client dissolve the temporary restraining order and regain access to his belongings after an illegal lockout. In the prior case, Attorney was successful in court and obtained a time/date for client to enter the premises and get his possessions. Prior to the court ordered time, the landlord had client's truck towed. Attorney filed for contempt against the landlord for failure to follow the court order. The attorney appeared at hearing and won the towing fees, back rent from the lockout, and fees/costs.

#### *NNLA defends Couple with disabilities in multi-hearing Eviction Case*

NNLA assisted disabled couple in multiple hearings on a non-payment eviction case, due to improper filings of the landlord. NNLA helped the clients obtain additional time in the unit in order to move and prevent periods of homelessness, negotiated a move out date so there would not be a formal eviction, and achieved a reduction of the storage fees so that they would have an opportunity to retrieve their personal affects after vacating the unit. The clients were incredibly thankful for the help from NNLA which made a hard situation a little bit better and allowed them to transition into affordable housing.

#### *NNLA defends eviction for disabled Senior*

NNLA assisted a 65-year-old disabled Reno resident who sought help from our office when an unlawful detainer for nuisance in the middle of her lease. Attorney filed a tenant's affidavit, and received a call from landlord's attorney explaining that client's husband was the real issue, and he was going to be evicted for nuisance against the other tenants. NNLA negotiated with landlord's

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attorney for additional time in the unit, moving expenses, and waiver of past due rent. Client was able to move and received check from the landlord without issue.

### **Outreach and Community Events**

- We are hosting our “Auctioning for Advocacy” event on October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Hideaway at the Renaissance from 5:00pm-7:00pm.
- Power of Attorney/Estate Seminars
- Monthly “Ask a Lawyer” events at Washoe County Senior Centers/congregate meal sites in Washoe County
- Senior Fest

