

Housing Court Opinions Project Takedown Policy

About

Housing Court opinions are public documents that are often difficult to find. The main goal of this project is to make them freely available to help tenants' attorneys, housing advocates, and pro se litigants research and prepare their cases.

Availability

Please be aware:

- Landlords and their attorneys have access to these opinions and other detailed tenant information via subscription services which cater to them
- These opinions may be available thru other free online sources which we do not control

Removal Request

Though we rarely receive takedown requests, we are sympathetic to tenants who may be vulnerable to discrimination.

If you are a party to a case and wish to have your public information removed from this site, please email Todd Melnick at tmelnick@law.fordham.edu with your name, the case name, and a detailed explanation.

Remediation

If we accept a request, we will:

- Change the case name in our record(s) to REDACTED #XXXXXX
- Remove the concerned party(s) name(s) from the record metadata
- Remove the opinion .pdf with the following comment:
"To request a copy of this opinion, please send a detailed message including your name, contact information, and reason for use to: Todd Melnick at tmelnick@law.fordham.edu."
- Send a deindexing request to Google
- [CLICK HERE](#) to see an actual redacted opinion record

Search Engines

- It will take up to two weeks for the case name to stop appearing in search engines such as Google
- However, once a record is changed, links from such search results will go to the redacted record