

CASE OPENING SUMMARY

Client: Clarice Sterling Date: March 13, 2009

Reason client has sought assistance (including brief summary of facts):

Client, an African-Am mother of 3 who is currently a resident of d.v. shelter, believes that she was unable to rent apartment because of racial discrimination. She responded to an ad for an apt in the paper & was given an appt for a showing. When she got there, the LL was rude and didn't show her around; he eventually told her that the apt was taken. Testing by LCCR supports discrimination claim (per cl). Cl unable to locate another apt; cl & kids experiencing emotional problems due to trauma of this incident, impending homelessness & past dv.

Client's goals:

Desperately needs housing. Goals not entirely clear yet - she wants info about her legal rights.

Instructions to client and referrals:

- 1) Will get back to her by Tues to discuss legal options
- 2) I will consult FLU to get info re: outstanding family law issues. Possible referral to FLU if appropriate (to be decided after consultation)
- 3) Referred to PWD to apply for TANF cash assistance, food stamps & Medicaid for the kids

Applicable law:

Prosperity Fair Housing Act, 42 PGL §3601 et seq.

Common law tort - intentional infliction of emotional distress

Deadline(s):

Preliminary legal research complete by Weds

Filing deadlines - need to look up

Time is of the essence b/c of impending homelessness - need to see if we can get this apt for cl if it is still available

Next steps:

I will do preliminary research to determine cl's legal options on fair housing issues & get back to her by Tues. Following meeting w/ cl, will create written case plan. Consult w/ FLU re: outstanding family, dv issues; possible referral to FLU for representation if appropriate.