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**TO:** All Judges, All Court Commissioners, District Court Administrator, County Executive, Clerk of Circuit Court, Corporation Counsel, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, State Public Defender, DAS, Fiscal Affairs, Court Coordinators, Children, Youth, and Family Services, Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services, Legal Aid Society, JusticePoint, WCS, Court Reporting Services, IMSD, Legal Resource Center, CCAP, Facilities Management, and the Media

**FROM:** Chief Judge Carl Ashley

**RE: RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DIVERSION**

**Effective June 15, 2023:**

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, until further notice, in all residential eviction actions filed after the effective date of this directive, the plaintiff shall attach to the summons and complaint served upon the defendant(s) the following form printed on yellow paper:

1. Eviction Diversion Initiative Information Sheet

A copy of this document is attached hereto. The document can be downloaded from the Milwaukee County Court Services and the Milwaukee County Clerk of Circuit Court websites.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Ashley".

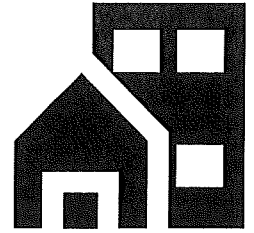
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Hon. Carl Ashley  
Chief Judge

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Attachment

# Eviction Diversion Initiative Information Sheet



Your landlord has started a court case to evict you. The court has scheduled a hearing for your case. The court may decide if you need to move out at this hearing. **Here are some things you can do BEFORE YOUR COURT DATE:**

## Act



**Do not ignore your eviction case. Go to court for all your hearings.**

If you do not do anything, you will probably lose your case.

But you have options:

- Talk to your landlord and try to work out an agreement, or
- Move out and tell your landlord that you moved out, and
- Tell the judge your side.

## Get Informed



**Not Sure where to start? Contact the Eviction Diversion Initiative for help.**

The program can connect you to **free** resources to help landlords and tenants resolve their issues.

To get more information or sign up:

- Go to <https://www.milwaukeejusticecenter.org/landlord-tenant.html>
- Scan the QR Code
- Or call (414) 305-0557

## Get Help



**Legal Representation: Eviction Free MKE**

- (414) 892-RENT (7368) or visit: [www.evictionfreemke.org](http://www.evictionfreemke.org)

**Financial Assistance: Rental Housing Resource Center**

- 728 N. James Lovell Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233
- (414) 895-RENT (7368) or visit: [www.renthelpmke.org](http://www.renthelpmke.org)

**Mediation: Mediate Wisconsin**

- (414) 939-8800 or visit: [www.mediatewisconsin.org](http://www.mediatewisconsin.org)

**Brief Legal Advice: Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics**

- (414) 288-6912 or visit: [www.marquettelegalclinic.org](http://www.marquettelegalclinic.org)