

# Right to Counsel NYC

You may have the right to free representation by a tenant attorney through Right to Counsel (RTC).

85% of tenants with an RTC attorney win their case and stay in their homes. RTC attorneys work at nonprofit organizations and represent tenants at no cost to you.

**Right now, housing courts are denying tenants this right so they can move eviction cases quickly.** They are saying there aren't enough lawyers when the truth is **they refuse to use their power to slow down cases.** This is an outrageous violation of NYC law. While the court might not grant it, you have the right to ask that your case be delayed (ask for as many adjournments as you need) until you find an attorney.

**If an attorney approaches you can ask them who they work for and who they represent.** You are not required to talk to your landlord's lawyer by yourself. You do not have to sign anything you don't want to sign. You have the right to speak to a judge.

**You have many rights!! More information:**  
[www.righttocounselnyc.org/defend\\_rtc](http://www.righttocounselnyc.org/defend_rtc)

*Use the other side to help assert your rights when talking to landlord attorneys.*



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## **I have a right to counsel in Housing Court.**

If you are the lawyer representing my landlord,  
I do not wish to speak to you without a lawyer.

I request to speak to a lawyer who represents tenants  
to see what my options are.

Until I have spoken with a tenant attorney, I choose not  
to participate in this negotiation.