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**LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON TENANTS'
RIGHTS AGAINST ILLEGAL EVICTION CIRCUMSTANCES**

EDISON — The latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) centers on situations in which tenants may face illegal eviction efforts.

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” may be viewed online at www.lsnjlaw.org.

At a time when tens of thousands of New Jersey tenants are facing eviction threats from landlords for nonpayment of rent during the Covid-19 pandemic, the newsletter stresses the only way landlords can put out a tenant is by going to court and winning a favorable ruling. That applies to tenants regardless of their immigration status, as well as residents of hotels and motels under certain circumstances.

Additionally, it is explained the sale of a property in which tenants are residing generally is not grounds for eviction but there are limited circumstances when that may happen. Even then, though, the affected tenants must be given at least two months’ notice before an eviction complaint can be filed with the courts, and then only when the tenants’ leases expires.

The newsletter details many other situations affecting tenants when their property is being sold, including the continued viability of previously-signed leases.

Meanwhile, more information and assistance in dealing with eviction issues is available at Legal Services regional offices throughout the state or by contacting the LSNJLAWSM Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529) or online at <https://lsnjlawhotline.org>.

The newsletter also offers articles noting the Department of Veterans Affairs is offering free Covid vaccines to all veterans and their spouses, the federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing reimbursement of up to \$9,000 to cover funeral and related expenses for anyone who died from Covid, and that there are now number of expanded contacts, including the LSNJLAWSM Hotline, to get help regarding Social Security issues.

Additionally, the newsletter features an article detailing the strict 2019 changes in the so-called ‘public charge’ regulations affecting immigration status no longer apply. That means the use of most public benefit programs, such as health, nutrition and housing benefits, will not impact a person’s ability to obtain immigration status.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, heads the state’s Legal Services system, a network of six independent nonprofit corporations and has been providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties for more than 50 years. Since its inception, LSNJ has provided representation in more than 2.6 million cases.

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