

RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS BEWARE: DO NOT RENT OUT YOUR PROPERTY!

In a recent dissent from a decision from the Massachusetts Appeals Court that added to the steady stream of legislation, court rules, the indirect but substantial abrogation of the time-tested Uniform Summary Process Rules, and judicial decisions, Appeals Court Justice Joseph M. Ditkoff wrote:

that the decision in *Ferreira v. Charland*, “adds to the steady judicial drumbeat warning every small residential landowner that, whatever you do, do not rent out your property.”

He added that “[t]here are many reasons for the housing crisis in Massachusetts, but we would do well to acknowledge that our landlord-tenant jurisprudence is one of them.”

This is a warning that I have shared for the past few years with whomever will listen during which time there has been an aggressive war on landlords including small landlords that has resulted in the undermining of the rule of law, abrogation of contracts, the denial of equal protection of the law, and unconscionable delays in the processing of landlord-tenant cases that highlight the maxim that justice delayed is justice denied.

THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN AND INFECTED BY EXTREME POLITICS.