

REQUIRED TRAINING

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THE EVICTION PROCESS: TRAINING FOR MASS ATTORNEYS AND ADVOCATES

- Massachusetts Law Reform Institute training video
- 1-hour online course guides you through the eviction process, focusing on critical steps
- You can stop and start at any point and return to it to refresh your knowledge

LAWYER FOR THE DAY IN HOUSING COURT TRAINING: ANSWER AND DISCOVERY *

- Boston Bar Association training video
- 1 hour, 36 minutes
- Walks you through the basics around answer and discovery and requesting a jury trial
- Shows you the online tool MADE and some new features
- Describes the federal CDC moratorium, local funding resources (e.g., RAFT), and modified Housing Court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

***8/16/22 VIDEO INFORMATION UPDATES:**

- The video states that MADE will generate a motion to compel discovery. This would not be filled out during the A&D clinic since you would just be filing the discovery.
- MADE will generate a motion to compel after the A&D is completed. MADE will text the CL about discovery deadlines after A&D is completed.
- A question was asked about if there is a live TRO option on MADE, but the speaker was unsure of the answer. We do not believe there is a TRO option on MADE.
- Updated pro bono manager's contact info is Emelia Andres (eandres@vlpnet.org).
- At the 1-hour mark, the video talks about changes to the housing court. It mentions that all court events are virtual via zoom, which is no longer the case. It also says court events are scheduled for discrete appointments. This has changed as well.
 - Mediations (sometimes called Tier 1) are scheduled over zoom, but all other motions are held in person. Any party can request a zoom hearing by motion; whether it is granted is up to the judge. Ideally, evidentiary hearings with witnesses should be in person, but again any party can request a zoom hearing by filing a motion.

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HOUSING LAW VIRTUAL TRAINING: TENANT AND LANDLORD 101

- Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) training video
- 1 hour, 20 minutes
- Introduction to housing issues VLP clients generally face in Eastern Housing Court

LIMITED ASSISTANCE REPRESENTATION (LAR) VIDEO

- Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) and Boston Bar Association (BBA) training video
- 1 hour, 12 minutes
- After viewing this video, you will be certified for LAR.
- LAR is now a popular way of practice and has been a primary conduit for getting more people represented in the court.
- Excellent tool for pro bono work and shaping up to be excellent for attorneys trying to make a living out of their practice.

LIMITED ASSISTANCE REPRESENTATION WEBPAGE

- These materials describe best practices for maintaining your limited representation.
- After you complete the one-time training, you are certified to take a case for a limited time period or limited purpose (e.g., a court mediation or court hearing).

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