



# Mass Alliance Against Predatory Lending

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## **HOMEOWNERS EXPOSE MASS. HOUSING COURTS' SUSPENSION OF ALL DUE PROCESS RULES OF ALL KINDS IN EVICTION CASES**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

“It may be incomprehensible to believe that, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, there is an entire court division, the Housing Court Division, responsible for one of the unalienable rights of Massachusetts residents, which has suspended all due process rules, and, therefore, rights, to defending the right to occupy your home, in this day and age of the still historic rates of foreclosure, to defend the title to your home. Not only is it published that all due process rights in eviction cases are suspended in our Housing Courts since Covid and published to be continuing indefinitely, but, as a practical matter, enforcement of rights and laws and rules and regulations has meant that households are not only being evicted at a historic rate, but, indeed, you can count on no rights to protect your home,” said Grace C Ross, Coordinator Mass Alliance Against Predatory Lending.

Several homeowners pointed to specific examples, such as eviction with no legal notice at all and having all of their belongings stolen by so-called eviction warehouse companies that function with no public licenses at all. No matter how many times Housing Court judges are confronted by the use of unlicensed companies and destruction of property, they allow it to continue. They allow so-called constables, who are unlicensed, and who don't have the required use of force training to physically attack people.

The loss of anything approaching a legal, civil process not only led to police stepping in and treating this like a criminal process, but has opened the door to very dangerous violent crime. One homeowner told of a life threatening circumstance.

The Mass Alliance Against Predatory Lending will be releasing an extensive report, enumerating over 46 areas of violations of rights and the history of the devolution over time of the enforcements of rights in the Housing Courts and other malfeasance.

“Quite simply, all elements of the government of Massachusetts that can intervene must. People's right to only be tried in a court with due process rights means that defendants in

eviction cases must be able to access the only court that has not suspended due process rights in our state. That is the Superior Court Division,” Grace C Ross

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Homeowners/homeowner advocates discussed extensive report demonstrating Housing Court’s suspension of all due process rules and, therefore, all guaranteed due process rights, since reopening after the Covid moratorium, when that suspension was supposed to be for 8 months and has now been continued indefinitely 4 years and counting.

Homeowners speak out about what no due process rights have meant:

- The Housing Court’s acting to reverse Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court orders in their cases
- This and numerous violations of rights means: only court now providing due process rights in Massachusetts eviction cases is the Superior Courts.
- Loss of the constitutional right to due process, and
- at least one intentional life threatening act of arson.
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*“The scariest of times for an entire Massachusetts Court Division to model having suspended all due process rules and, therefore, rights and be getting away with it...”*

- Grace C Ross, Coordinator, Mass Alliance Against Predatory Lending

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