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REQUEST FOR LEGAL ADVICE RELATING TO EVICTION ATTEMPT

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Dear Ms McKeegan,

RE: REQUEST FOR LEGAL ADVICE RELATING TO EVICTION ATTEMPT

I have a number of related financial and legal problems which have been building up since around 1998, and which are proving extremely difficult for me to resolve. The most pressing of these problems, just now, is that I am being threatened with eviction from the Radius Housing Association flat in Belfast I am at present living in.

Evidence of this eviction threat can be viewed in the scanned copies of two letters (both dated January 8th 2021) I have received from Babingtons Solicitors, who are acting on behalf of Radius Housing Association. Scanned copies of both letters can be viewed at: http://www.humanrightsireland.com/BabingtonsSolicitors/8January2021/Letter.htm

I have more recently received a Summons for Judgement in connection with this eviction matter, and have been advised that the matter is listed for hearing on 18th May 2021 at 10am before the District Judge in Court 4 at Laganside Court House.

On February 9th 2021 I came across a piece of text at the UK government web page https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/protection-against-eviction which read:

"If you live in rented accommodation, the law protects you against harassment and illegal eviction. It is a criminal offence for a landlord to harass their tenant. A tenant could claim damages through court action."

For a number of reasons, which include the fact that I have been suffering from Complex-Post Traumatic Stress Disorder since around Year 2000, which I believe I am still not receiving proper medical treatment for, I do feel I am being subjected to harassment from Radius Housing Association. In addition, I have heard (from a number of different sources) that it is unlawful for landlords to attempt to evict tenants during the Covid-19 lockdown periods. Also, I have not yet been told the results of two appeals I have lodged with the Northern Ireland Appeal Service which relate directly to the eviction threat in question, and which earlier involved the sudden cancellation -- without warning or notification -- of my Pension Credit payments; and, some months later, the cancellation of my Housing Benefit payments as well. It seems to me that Radius Housing, and Babington Solicitors, are possibly pre-judging the outcome of these two appeals of mine to the NI Appeals Service, and that does not seem right to me.

As a result of the two cancellations referred to in the paragraph immediately above, I now have Radius Housing Association "rent arrears debt" of approximately £9,050. In addition, and in connection with money I have needed to borrow (since 2007) from my brother Gerald Finnerty, and my late half-sister Marjorie Dolan, I also have financial debts relating to this borrowing from family members. The overall sum of money I have borrowed from my brother and half-sister to date amounts to approximately 114,600 Euros.

Up to recently, it looked as though I might have been able to get professional legal advice on this Radius Housing Association eviction threat via local Community Psychiatric Nurse Briana Bloomer, who, together with her colleague Social Worker Tina Millar, had established contact on my behalf with Belfast law-firm MSM Law (and also with the Belfast Law Centre). However, MSM Law has apparently decided to disengage from this role (without providing any reason for doing so as far as I am aware), and evidence of which can be found in the copy of the email dated March 8th I have received from Community Psychiatric Nurse Briana Bloomer at: http://www.humanrightsireland.com/BelfastHealthAndSocialCareTrust/8March2021/Gmail.pdf

I feel I should point out that I have replied to Babingtons Solicitors letter dated January 8th (referred to above), and a scanned copy of my reply, dated January 20th 2021, can be viewed at:

http://www.humanrightsireland.com/BabingtonsSolicitors/20January2021/RegisteredLetter.htm

I have also received a 2nd letter from Babington Solicitors dated April 12th 2021, and a scanned copy of it can be viewed at: http://www.humanrightsireland.com/BabingtonsSolicitors/12April2021/Letter.htm

As can be viewed at the www address immediately above, the April 12th 2021 letter from Babington Solicitors contains no mention at all of the registered letter I sent to them on January 20th 2021, which according to the Royal Mail was successfully delivered on January 21st 2021. It appears to me that Babington Solicitors may have decided to completely ignore the contents (and the existence) of my January 20th 2021 registered letter to them, and this seems strange, and worrying, for me.

In an effort to demonstrate that my "Radius rent arrears problem" does not the exist in isolation, and is in fact (as I see it) just a relatively small symptom (for me) of a combination of far more serious social problems, I have added a section titled "CLOSELY RELATED ISSUES" at the bottom of the www address provided immediately above.

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In connection with some of the earlier problems I have had (up to May 17th 2019) in relation to finding professional legal advice and representation, of the kind which was willing and able to deal with my overall set of legal problems in a holistic manner, please see the slightly edited copy of an email titled "STILL BEING THWARTED AT EVERY TURN" at:

http://www.humanrightsireland.com/MentalHealthAwarenessUK/17May2019/Gmail.html

An unedited "Gmail PDF" copy of the May 17th 2019 email in question can also be viewed at: http://www.humanrightsireland.com/MentalHealthAwarenessUK/17May2019/Gmail.pdf

Finally, there are two much more recent "FACEBOOK POSTS" of mine relating to certain important aspects of my overall situation (as I see it) at the present time, and which can be viewed at the two www addresses provided immediately just below:

#1) "LAW FIRM CAN NO LONGER PROVIDE SUPPORT":

https://www.facebook.com/william.finnerty.3/posts/10224005860317003

#2) "HELP FOR DEPRESSION AND OTHER PSYCHIATRIC INJURIES":

https://www.facebook.com/william.finnerty.3/posts/10224080086332607

Any written advice that you, as a professional lawyer, might be able to let me have regarding the legality of the Radius Housing Association eviction attempt referred to above, would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

William Finnerty.

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ATTACHMENT:

(Copy of "To Whom It May Concern Letter" dated October 28th 2005 written by Dr Michael McCavert G.P.)



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