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# PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE DISPUTES



# **CASE STUDY 1**

#### **Owner and Tenant**

# The Dispute

- A leased out his premises to his old friend B.
- After a couple of years of leasing the premises, A filed a suit for eviction against B, his tenant.
- Their lease agreement specified that any vacation of premises would be based on mutual discussion between A and B.
- A wanted B to be evicted within three months whereas B insisted that he would not vacate the premises before three years, as per the lease agreement.
- While the case was pending at Court, both A and B agreed to try mediation at CAMP.

#### The Process

- In the private session, the mediator asked the A his reasons for evicting B his tenant with such haste.
- The mediation uncovered that A had been recently diagnosed with a terminal illness and wanted to set up a business for his son.
- A wanted the property for his son's business.
- A, agreed with the Mediator that this information could be shared with B to help him understand the reasoning behind his actions.
- On the other hand, B shared that he did not have the funds nor the time to find another suitable home in the neighborhood property prices had gone up substantially in the area and he couldn't find another home in the three-month time that he was given.
- In the joint session, both parties had the opportunity share confidential information in a safe environment.

## The Outcome

- A settlement was reached within a day.
- A agreed to reimburse the security deposit paid for the house, so that B would have the finances to find a new house.
- B agreed to vacate the property in 9 months.
- B agreed to hand over the garage immediately to the A, so his son's business could start out of the garage.

# **CASE STUDY 2**

## **Company Property**

# The Dispute

- The Tenant, X, an international company had leased a property from Y, the landlord for a period of 10 years.
- Before signing the lease agreement X identified certain modifications that needed to be done to the property, which were completed by Y as specified.
- Three years into the lease, the management of X changed.
- The new management identified a new list of modifications that needed to be made and gave the landlord, Y, 30 days to implement such modifications.
- X started withholding rent after the 30-day time limit was breached by Y.
- The dispute arose because the parties were not able to understand the demands made by each other.
- Both agreed to try Mediation at CAMP

## The Process

- In mediation, X shared that the new management had a zero-tolerance policy to any building violations after an accident in one of their other properties.
- Y shared that the modifications that X wanted would require change of building plans, which could not be done in a short period of time.
- X understood the local realities and Y understood the new company policies with the changed management.
- Mediation gave a platform for the parties to discuss the reasons for their demands and also understand their practical realities.

## The Outcome

- This Mediation was resolved within a day.
- The parties agreed to terminate the lease and vacate the property in 30 days.
- X agreed to pay Y for the back rent and a lump sum for early termination.
- Y agreed to return the security deposit.