WHO WE ARE

The Right to Counsel NYC Coalition is a tenant led broad based coalition that formed in 2014 to disrupt Housing Court as a center of displacement and stop the eviction crisis that has threatened our families, our neighborhoods and our homes for too long. Our Coalition is made up of tenants, organizers, advocates, legal services organizations and more! Our work is rooted in principles of equity, dignity, humanity, diversity and justice. After a hard fought, 3 year grassroots campaign, we won and became the first city in the nation to establish a Right to Counsel for tenants facing eviction. Our campaign has inspired a movement across the country.

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The focus of the pipeline working group is on building a cohort of highly-qualified and effective advocates and supervisors to implement RTC. To do this, the group has been focusing on promoting greater attention to housing rights advocacy in law school instruction, including promoting more clinical and doctrinal offerings. The group works to change attitudes in law schools so that becoming a housing rights advocate is seen as an exciting, transformative and desirable career choice.

Members of this group are working on passing new legislation that would expand NYC’s current RTC law to ensure that nearly all tenants who face eviction have RTC and know about it. Intro 1104 would increase RTC’s income eligibility level and expand the types of eviction cases covered by RTC. Intro 1529 would require the city to work with trusted tenant organizing groups to engage and educate tenants about their rights.

This working group is focused on ensuring that the roll-out of RTC reflects that a new right has been created and helps create the necessary culture shift in Housing Court and the tenant community. It also works to ensure that the implementation of RTC centers the experiences of tenants and maximizes tenant access to legal representation, including for Limited English Proficient tenants and tenants with disabilities.

This working group supports and coordinates the work of community-based organizing groups to increase tenant education and awareness, develop leaders, evaluate implementation, and combat landlord harassment. This group plans town halls and other city wide mobilizations, such as the Worst Evictors Week of Action and the People’s Tribunal on Evictions. Organizing groups are organizing tenants' associations to combat landlord harassment and will continue to conduct broad based outreach.

Because our work is grounded in a history of tenant organizing and a belief that housing is a human right, we are now working to ensure that the Right to Counsel law is implemented in a way that upholds the right, that builds tenant power and that transforms the nature of the courts, furthering the dignity and humanity of every tenant.

We are running direct action campaigns against NYC’s worst evictors, changing the laws to stop evictions, supporting the development of passionate and zealous attorneys committed to tenant power, and expanding and strengthening Right to Counsel so that it extends to all tenants.

We believe Right to Counsel isn’t just about ensuring tenants have attorneys in housing court. It’s about fighting to reclaim our city and our communities, to keep people in their homes and to de-normalize the violence of evictions. We are building campaigns for an eviction-free NYC and ultimately for a right to housing.

Our Working Groups

Court Based Implementation

Tenant Organizing

Tenant Attorney Pipeline

Power to Organize Campaign

Our Mission and Our Work

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