



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDC

Introduction

This was a hearing with respect to an application by the tenant for a monetary award. The hearing was conducted by conference call. The landlord's agent and the landlord's daughter called into the conference and participated in the hearing. The tenant did not attend, although this was the hearing of her application.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the tenant entitled to a monetary award?

Background and Evidence

The rental unit is a basement suite in the landlord's house in Vancouver. The landlord obtained an order for possession in another Residential Tenancy Branch proceeding. The tenant moved out pursuant to the order for possession and the tenancy has ended.

In this application the tenant has claimed a monetary award in the amount of \$21,200.00. She claimed to have suffered damages including loss of employment income as a result of defamatory remarks made by the landlord or her daughter.

Analysis and Conclusion

The tenant's claims in this proceeding are claims for what amounts to damages for libel or slander. I do not have jurisdiction under the *Residential Tenancy Act* to consider such claims. The tenant's application is dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: November 14, 2014

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