## **Dispute Resolution Services**



Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

Dispute Codes MNSD MNDCT

## Introduction

This hearing dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the *Act*) for:

- authorization to obtain a return of all or a portion of their security deposit pursuant to section 38; and
- a monetary order for compensation for money owed under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement pursuant to section 67.

While the landlord attended the hearing by way of conference call, the tenant did not. The landlord was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses.

The landlord provided undisputed testimony at the beginning of the hearing that his name was misspelled in the tenant's application. Accordingly the landlord's name was amended to reflect the proper spelling of his last name.

Rule 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

## 7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

Accordingly, in the absence of any submissions in this hearing I order the application dismissed with liberty to reapply. I make no findings on the merits of the matter. Liberty to reapply is not an extension of any applicable limitation period.

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: May 8, 2018

Residential Tenancy Branch