

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

Decision Codes: FFL, MNRL - S

## Introduction

The Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the landlord makes the following claims:

- a. A monetary order in the sum of \$3300 for unpaid rent
- b. An order to keep the security deposit.
- c. An order to recover the cost of the filing fee

The tenant(s) failed to appear at the scheduled start of the hearing which was 1:00 p.m. on July 9, 2018. The landlord was present and ready to proceed. I left the teleconference hearing connection open and did not start the hearing until 10 minutes after the schedule start time in order to enable the tenant to call in. The tenant(s) failed to appear. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I then proceeded with the hearing.

The Residential Tenancy Act provides that where a party is seeking a monetary order he/she must be served either by personal service or by registered mail to where the respondent resides or if the respondent is a tenant by registered mail to the respondent's forwarding address.

The landlord testified that he does not know where the Tenant is living and that he has been unable to serve the Tenant with a copy of the Application for Dispute Resolution.

I determined the applicant failed to prove sufficient service on the respondent. Accordingly, **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: July 09, 2018

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