

Jenner & Block to Receive Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award from LCBH

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On November 18, Jenner & Block will receive the Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award from the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing for the firm's work supporting LCBH and the Keep Chicago Renting Ordinance. The KRCO was passed after the 2008 financial crisis to encourage foreclosing banks and other financial institutions to keep tenants in properties on which they foreclose rather than evicting tenants and leaving properties vacant. The ordinance encourages this by requiring a \$10,600 relocation fee, if the bank or financial institution elects to evict certain qualified tenants and does not let them continue to rent in the property.

LCBH is the only non-profit legal aid organization in the Chicago area that focuses solely on low- and moderate-income renters in the private housing market. The firm and LCBH have worked closely over the past several years to defend the ordinance against various attacks by defendants in cases by tenants alleging violations of the KCRO.

"Our work with LCBH has really made a difference for Chicago renters who live in foreclosed properties," said Partner Christopher Tompkins, who is on the LCBH board and will be receiving the award on behalf of Jenner & Block. "Our long-standing collaboration with LCBH has empowered truly disadvantaged renters by preventing wrongful evictions and fighting sub-standard living conditions over the years. We have also helped a number of tenants recover under the KRCO in our efforts to ensure all of our neighbors can have a safe and decent place to live."

"Jenner & Block's pro bono services will have a lasting impact on our agency and Chicago renters for years to come," said LCBH Executive Director Mark Swartz. "The KCRO will continue to give special protections and rights to renters living in foreclosed properties, and we thank Jenner & Block for being our partner."

LCBH's annual "Bringing Justice Home" event will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 pm Central at Revolution Brewing Brewer's Lounge in Chicago. To learn more and register to attend, please click [here](#).

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