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Rental Restrictions in HOAs permitted according to the Virginia Attorney General

In many HOAs, an issue arises when a homeowner buys real estate as an investment property intending to lease the home or condo unit. In those situations, the homeowner becomes a "landlord" rather than a resident owner and the situation causes concerns for many homeowner and condominium owner associations. Many association documents contain restrictions on leasing property. In response to an inquiry, the Attorney General for Virginia has issued an official advisory opinion concerning the imposition of rental restrictions in common interest communities concluding that if the restriction is adopted correctly and for a legitimate purpose, the rental restriction is valid.

Although the AG's opinion is not binding upon Virginia's courts, the opinion provides support for HOAs to apply reasonable rental restrictions. HOA boards should work closely with their experienced HOA attorney to review any rental restrictions and to ensure that your HOA board enacts reasonable restrictions addressing legitimate community concerns.

* Excerpted from our blog.

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WE MOVED!

After nearly 20 years in the Williamsburg Office Park, we relocated our office on April 1, 2011 to New Town. Our office is directly across from the Corner Pocket at 4808 Courthouse Street, tucked between Quiznos and AllState Insurance.

We are not completely settled in yet, but already love the proximity to the Williamsburg/James City County Courthouse. We'll send you a reminder of our new location before your next appointment!



Newsworthy

John Tarley has been re-elected to serve on the Virginia State Bar Council as the representative for the 9th Judicial Circuit, an area that encompasses Williamsburg/James City County, York County, and New Kent County, among others. John also was appointed Vice-Chair of the Bar's Budget & Finance Committee.

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