

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-02**

Order Granting Access to Data from Landlord and Tenant Cases

WHEREAS, under D.C. Code § 42-3505.09(d)(2), the court may open sealed landlord and tenant case records upon a showing of compelling need; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for State Courts (“NCSC”) is conducting an analysis of data from court records in order to provide the court with recommendations for improving case management processes in high volume calendars to increase fairness and effectiveness for litigants; and

WHEREAS, NCSC seeks court data from landlord and tenant cases sealed pursuant to D.C. Code § 42-3505.09; and

WHEREAS, NCSC has indicated that its findings may be impacted if the data from sealed landlord and tenant cases is not included in the analysis; and

WHEREAS, NCSC agrees to adhere to the court’s cell suppression policy and indicates that it will not report the data in a manner that can be used to deduce the identity of any individual;

NOW THEREFORE, it is by the court,

ORDERED, that court staff may provide NCSC with the data described in the Restricted Data Use Agreement Between the DC Courts and National Center for State Courts fully executed on February 16, 2021 (“DUA”), for landlord and tenant cases sealed pursuant to D.C. Code § 42-3505.09; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that NCSC shall only use and disclose the data as permitted by the DUA and the Agreement Between DC Courts and National Center for State Courts fully executed on January 13, 2021; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that NCSC shall not disclose the data in any other manner or for any other purpose without prior approval of the court.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

March 12, 2021



**Anita M. Josey-Herring
Chief Judge**

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