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SUPERIOR COURT TO ABATE LEAD PAINT IN COURT BUILDING B

SMALL CLAIMS AND LANDLORD-TENANT COURTS TO MOVE TO MOULTRIE COURTHOUSE TEMPORARILY

As part of a routine test upon commencing external renovation on Court Building B, the Superior Court found elevated lead levels in 17 of the 52 spots tested. As a result, the Court has hired an environmental contractor to clean all areas of the building. As an extra precaution, Court Building B will be closed for approximately two weeks, beginning today, while the cleaning takes place.

Court Building B, located at 510 4th Street, NW, contains the Landlord-Tenant and Small Claims courtrooms, as well as many juvenile probation offices. Those functions will be shifted to other locations as follows:

- Landlord-Tenant All filings should be submitted to the Civil Clerk's Office in JM-170 of the Moultrie Courthouse. Scheduled hearings for those arriving prior to 10:30 a.m. will take place in courtroom C-10; those who arrive after 10:30 a.m. should go to courtroom 111 (both in the Moultrie Courthouse).
- **Small Claims** All filings should be submitted to the Civil Clerk's Office in JM-170 of the Moultrie Courthouse. Scheduled hearings will take place in courtroom 114.
- **Family Court Social Services Division** The Family Court's Juvenile Probation Officers will be contacting their clients directly to instruct them on how to comply with their probation during this two-week period.

The D.C. Courts are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for their employees, parties with cases before the court, and other members of the public. While this short-term building closure will cause some inconvenience, it will ensure that the building is healthy and safe.