

## **NOTICE TO LANDLORD**

As a party to a landlord/tenant action, a new process called mediation is now available to you. The mediation service is free and voluntary. Mediation is a dispute resolving process which, if successful, helps the parties to reach an agreement settling their disputes. If an agreement is reached, it will be binding upon the parties and no further action is required by the court.

The mediation session is conducted by a trained mediator, who is a lawyer and a member of the Westmoreland Bar Association. All mediation sessions will be held at our offices. All parties must agree to mediation for a session to be scheduled. The session is informal and private. The mediator will not decide the outcome of your dispute. The mediator will act as an impartial third party to assist you in reaching a settlement that is fair and just. The services provided by the mediator include guiding discussion between the parties, clarifying legal questions and occasionally suggesting options for a solution, such as repayment schedules or setting timetables for vacating the premises or for repairs to be performed.

If you do not reach an agreement, you will still be able to present your case before the magisterial district judge on your scheduled hearing date.

Please inform our staff if you are interested in participating in the mediation process. We will arrange for the other parties to be contacted to agree to the mediation process and then schedule a mediation session before your scheduled court date.