

Pelzer, Gay D

From: Hollins, George
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 7:46 AM
To: Pelzer, Gay D; Percy, Donna L
Cc: Joyce, Cynthia M; Beach, Mary Jane P; True, Douglas K
Subject: FW: Follow up on 219 Melrose Court

Gay & Donna,

As you will note below, Cliff Missen will be filing a claim against the University. He is a former tenant in a house that the University owns on Melrose Court.

We had hoped we could resolve his concerns about damaged luggage but it doesn't look like that's the case.

We appreciate your help with this.

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From: Cliff Missen [mailto:missenc@widernet.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 7:36 PM
To: Hollins, George
Cc: Joyce, Cynthia M
Subject: Follow up on 219 Melrose Court

George,

I left you a phone message last week and didn't get a response. You must be busy.

I'm in the hole about \$4,000 (not to mention what Blue Cross has paid in health care) and about 200 hours so far in my efforts to de-moldify my life. And I've still only gotten half of the things out of my storage place.

I got last month's "offer" from the ombudsperson, asking me to name a price and sign an agreement to drop the matter.

There's two problems with this:

ONE: I have no idea what the long-term effects of this mold exposure will be. My fingernails are clearing up nicely and the depression is gone. I have fewer and less intense headaches. But I've become a walking mold detector. I walk into stores and homes, feel my face go flush, and announce, "you have mold!" It's a nifty new superpower, but one I'd rather not have. I've developed a long list of homes and cars I don't want to be in. Lord knows what will happen to me when I resume travel to developing countries. I've purchased two used couches to replace my previous cloth couch and have had allergic reactions to both. THIS USED TO NOT HAPPEN! It aggravates me immensely. To top it off, I'm regularly taking drugs to reduce the symptoms. They address the stuffiness and headaches, but they make me gain weight. That bums me out.

TWO: I still think it is morally wrong to have moved new renters in to the place without proper mold remediation. Cathy Fountain told me in no uncertain terms that Public Health experts (including my friend Peter Thorne) and the UI Health Protection Office inspected the house and approved the plan. There's simply no way this can be true (besides the fact that no one I've asked provided or approved a plan): all of the published materials I've found (over 40 articles from the EPA, the State of Iowa, etc.) clearly do not recommend sending an old guy with a can of paint to cover up the