



## **Lawyers say they expect flood of people to the courthouse after pandemic due to evictions**

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LEE COUNTY, Fla. - Southwest Florida lawyers said they expect a flood of people to the courthouse after the coronavirus pandemic is overdue to a large increase in evictions.

"I would imagine that the courthouse is going to be jam-full of eviction notices," said attorney Lance Dunford, partner at the Lawfirm of Scott Morey.

ABC-7 spoke with both Dunford and attorney Kara Jursinski Murphy.

"Evictions are handled through a Supreme Court Administrative order as well as a governor's executive order," Murphy explains.

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Both Murphy and Dunford's advice is to negotiate to alleviate a backup in the court system and continue to provide residents with a roof over their heads.

"They can contact the landlord and say hey look here's the circumstances... I'm sure you know what's going on in the world. I'm not working. When I'm not working, I'm not bringing in money," Dunford said.

If you or someone you know is being evicted you are encouraged to seek legal counsel. If you or someone you know is being evicted you are encouraged to seek legal counsel. You can contact Dunford by going to this [website](#). You can call Murphy at 239-337-1147.