

Residential Institute: Sample Mediation Role Play

Parties:

Tina/Tim

Matt/Mary

Tina is the owner of an apartment that she's attempting to sell to potential buyers. She has invested countless hours and many thousands of dollars renovating the apartment. Matt is the owner of the building that houses Tina's apartment. Tina and Matt have been required to mediate their conflict by court order after Tina sued Matt for not maintaining the décor of the building's exterior. Tina alleges that the building's exterior "looks tacky". Matt adamantly disagrees. Tina has been unable to sell her apartment despite the interest of many potential buyers, because though they like the look of the apartment, they don't like the look of the building. With each month that passes, Tina has to make her mortgage payment. Tina has been unable to sell the apartment for the last three months. With a mortgage payment of \$1200.00/month Tina is suing Matt for \$3600.00. Matt is very upset and refuses to "pay *her* bills."