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ASSIGNMENT

Assignment is the transfer of the entire remaining term of your lease to another person. However, to be released from all responsibilities of the lease, you must be excused from such liability by some legal, binding, acquittance on the part of the owner. If the landlord does not expressly release you from your responsibilities as a tenant under the lease, in writing, then you may still be held liable for the terms and provisions of the lease even if you have moved out. You do however have to right to seek a remedy in court against the person who took over the lease. An assignment can be clearly distinguished from a subletting because an assignment is the assigning of rights to possession of the property for the remainder of the lease. Subletting is giving up temporary possession of the property with the intention of returning before the end of the lease term.