**NATIONWIDE EVICTIONS**

**(AND SOME OTHER COMPANIES POPPING UP)**

There is an out of state company called Nationwide Evictions that is feeding evictions to an attorney in Jacksonville who is filing thousands of eviction cases a year using their system.

This company directly solicits corporate executives, regional managers and property managers ADVERTISING EVICTIONS, signs them up with Nationwide Evictions and then feeds the legal business of filing the eviction and signing the pleadings to the Jacksonville attorney Nationwide Evictions picked who signs an agreement with Nationwide to pay Nationwide on a per case basis.

I have a copy of their “technology licensing agreement” as they approached me.  The cost is passed onto the client. I HAVE ATTACHED IT TO THEIR EMAIL.

The attorney is filing throughout Florida.

Many of the higher volume eviction firms in Florida are losing business rapidly to this company and there are now 2 other companies operating in Florida in a similar fashion.

**I see this as fee splitting, illegal referrals, and a total circumvention of all the advertising rules.**

For an attorney to pay a processing company for the use of its technology is one thing but **this company is soliciting the end user client, billing the client on behalf of the attorney and then feeding the business to an attorney with whom the client had no attorney client relationship prior.**

This company and similar ones are rapidly gaining ground in Florida.  They contacted me to be their Florida attorney and I declined.

**I am looking for legal assistance in drafting the complaint and the expertise needed to properly draft a complaint and am willing to pay for this.**

This issue is of concern to many of the attorneys on my personal list of landlord/tenant attorneys in Florida.

This should also be of concern to all attorneys as next there will be “Nationwide Probate”, “Nationwide Immigration”, Nationwide Anything” and the advertising rules and referral services rules could just as well be thrown out the window.

**This situation is far different than the “document preparation” companies** who are legally permitted to assist people in filling out FAR/BAR approved  forms and are allowed to advertise these services.

This company is directly soliciting our clients and them is directly sending them to the Jacksonville attorney who becomes the attorney for the case.  The clients are for the most part corporations who are required by law to be represented by an attorney in eviction actions.

When I spoke to them regarding the cost, they encouraged me to raise my prices so there would be more money so they could be paid from the attorney’s fees.

I am willing to pay for the drafting or for assistance in drafting a proper complaint. So far 6 other lawyers are willing to sign this complaint with me.