

Steve Croman Forced to Pay \$8M Settlement in Tenant Harassment Lawsuit

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Steve Croman

Yesterday afternoon, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced a settlement in the civil case against controversial landlord Steven Croman (<http://www.boweryboogie.com/tag/steve-croman/>) for “engaging in illegal conduct, including harassment, coercion, and fraud, to force rent-regulated tenants out of their apartments and convert their apartments into

highly profitable market-rate units.”

The consent decree requires Croman to fork over \$8 million into a Tenant Restitution Fund – the largest-ever monetary settlement with an individual landlord. Moreover, the settlement forces an independent management company, without ties to Croman, to run more than 100 Croman residential properties around the city for the next five years (<https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-schneiderman-announces-unprecedented-consent-decree-nyc-landlord-steven-croman>).

Details of who can claim a piece of the proverbial pie...

Eligible tenants will be able to apply for restitution; the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) will announce details of a claims process early next year. Tenants will be eligible for restitution if they are or were a tenant in a rent-stabilized or rent-controlled apartment owned by Croman between July 1, 2011 and the date of the agreement (December 20, 2017); they received a buyout of less than \$20,000, not including any amount that purported to cover rent or arrears; and no other tenant in their apartment received money from the restitution fund.

Croman is currently serving one year on Riker’s Island (<http://www.boweryboogie.com/2017/10/convicted-landlord-steve-croman-will-sent-rikers-tomorrow/>), and paid a separate \$5 million settlement as a result of criminal charges brought by Schneiderman.



Croman shining light at a tenant to prevent filming

“New Yorkers are already struggling with high rents,” Schneiderman stated in a press release. “We have zero tolerance for those who try to boost their bottom line by disregarding the welfare of their tenants. My office will continue to ensure that all landlords play by the rules, and aggressively pursue anyone who doesn’t to the fullest extent of the law.”

This latest is clear indication that Croman is the example for the other bad actors out there.

Below is the full consent decree:

[Consent Decree With Landlord Steve Croman \(https://www.scribd.com/document/367649146/Consent-Decree-With-Landlord-Steve-Croman#from_embed\)](https://www.scribd.com/document/367649146/Consent-Decree-With-Landlord-Steve-Croman#from_embed) by [BoweryBoogie \(https://www.scribd.com/user/65951747/BoweryBoogie#from_embed\)](https://www.scribd.com/user/65951747/BoweryBoogie#from_embed) on Scribd

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COUNTY OF NEW YORK

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, by
ERIC T. SCHNEIDERMAN, Attorney General of the
State of New York,

Petitioner,

v.

STEVEN CROMAN, ANTHONY FALCONITE,
CROMAN REAL ESTATE INC., 9300 REALTY
MANAGEMENT INC., 9300 REALTY INC.,
FALCONITE LLC, 3-5 WEST 103RD LLC, 7 EAST 75
LLC, 9 WEST 103RD LLC, 15 WEST 103RD LLC, 17
WEST 103RD LLC, 40 AVENUE B LLC, 44 AVE B
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CLINTON STREET LLC, 72 WEST 108TH
ASSOCIATES LLC, 99-105 THIRD AVENUE
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LLC, 115 MULBERRY LLC, 118 EAST 7 LLC, 120-
120 1/2 FIRST LLC, 124 RIDGE LLC, 127 EAST 7TH
STREET LLC, 134 ORCHARD LLC, 138 EAST 16TH
STREET LLC, 145 E 26 LLC, 159- 161 STANTON
LLC, 171 EAST 102ND LLC, 179- 181 ESSEX LLC,
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83RD LLC, 208-214 E 25TH ST LLC, 209 E 25 LLC,
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