

Payback time: AG opens fund for tenants to recoup \$8M from Steve Croman

Landlord agreed to settlement in December

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Steve Croman

Steve Croman's former tenants can start applying for restitution as part of an \$8 million settlement agreement reached last year.

In December, Croman agreed to pay a record **\$8 million** to tenants he harassed. Attorney General Barbara Underwood announced on Tuesday that current and former tenants could start applying for a cut of the restitution, Crain's reported.

To be eligible, tenants must have lived in a Croman-owned, rent-regulated apartment between July 1, 2011, and Dec. 20, 2017, and have taken a buyout of \$20,000 or less.



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The attorney general's office filed a civil complaint against Croman in 2017 for harassing rent-regulated tenants. He agreed to pay a record sum to settle. The office also filed a criminal complaint against him alleging that he inflated mortgages for his properties. In October he was [sentenced to one year](#)

months later. As part of the consent decree, a third-party manager will oversee 100 of his properties for five years. [\[Crain's\]](#) — *Kathryn Brenzel*

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