

### **Housing Matters**

- Avoid signing a lease without viewing a unit first
- Let SLS review your lease first before you sign it
- Take pictures when you move into and out of a unit
- Never pay your rent in cash; use checks, money orders, cashier's checks from your bank or internet banking to keep track of your payments
- Look into getting renters insurance
- take a look at the Chicago Renters Rights Guide for further information, visit the Lawyers Committee for Better Housing online.  
Click here: <http://lcbh.org/for-tenants/renters%e2%80%99-resource-guides/>
- It may be an issue of discrimination if a landlord refuses to rent to you, or provide services for your unit, because of your ethnicity, gender, religion, or the fact that you are a student; contact SLS if this becomes an issue

### **Traffic Tips**

- You can drive in Illinois with a valid driver's license from your home country.  
Here is the law that can be referred to which states this: 625 ILCS 5/6-102 (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-102)
- Always get driver's insurance, it is the law!
- Pull to the right of the road for emergency vehicles with sirens and/or flashing lights
- Never offer traffic/police officers money for tickets on the street, you must resolve traffic tickets through the manner outlined on the ticket

### **Criminal Court Issues**

- Always tell the attorney who is assisting you about your immigration status
- Do not enter into a "plea" deal/agreement until you have spoken with an attorney about your immigration status because this may have an effect on you being able to remain in the United States as a student or if you wish to obtain citizenship in the future

**Avoid Stress: if you have a Question, just ask SLS;  
Call 312-996-9214 for an Appointment!**

