

## Melendi, Rick

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**From:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 3:51 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Cc:** Gammage,Trillany  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

We had a total of 35 cases cancelled for today's hearings

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:47 PM  
**To:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

Please do I have a deadline to meet with the media today at 4:00 p.m., as to the total number of cancellations.

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**From:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:44 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Cc:** Gammage,Trillany  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

There are more hearings scheduled for this afternoon – both telephonic & non-telephonic. We will keep you posted as the time goes by.

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:41 PM  
**To:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

So, this is a total of 33 a.m. and p.m. cancelled hearings? Will you have additional p.m. cancellations today at the time of the telephonic hearing?

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**From:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:38 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Cc:** Gammage,Trillany  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

On JAWS – we had 27 cases cancelled prior to today. On this morning's docket, we had 5 cancellations & 1 cancelled @ 1:30.

Beth

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:04 PM  
**To:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

Yes, the hearings on today's morning docket and today's afternoon docket.

Thank you.

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**From:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 12:48 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

Do you mean the hearings scheduled for today's docket?

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 12:22 PM  
**To:** Moreno,Elisa; Hickmon,Angelina; Schatzberg,Beth; Gammage,Trillany  
**Subject:** Cancelled Hearings

Please provide me the total number of hearings cancelled this morning asap. Also, I will need the total number of hearings canceled by 3:30; 3:45 at the latest.

Thank you.

**Melendi, Rick**

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2010 4:07 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** FW: 2nd Floor Training Room

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**From:** Pride, Lisa [<mailto:PrideL@hillsclerk.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2010 1:30 PM  
**To:** Snavely Carla; Bridenback, Mike  
**Cc:** Gary, Angela; Healy, Donna  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd Floor Training Room

Good Afternoon,

We are anticipating using the Training or overflow Jury room daily (Monday thru Friday) from August 1, 2010 thru August 8, 2011. The schedule that has been put in place is to have two separate sales daily, the first is to begin at 10:00 AM and the second at 2:00 PM. This foreclosure sales schedule is to accommodate the mortgage foreclosure backlog project and each sale is estimated to last one to two hours depending on the length of the bidding process.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Thank you,

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**From:** Snavely, Carla  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2010 2:35 PM  
**To:** Pride, Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: 2nd Floor Training Room

*Please scan the schedule and send it to me and Mike. Thanks*

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike [<mailto:BRIDENML@fjud13.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2010 2:14 PM  
**To:** Snavelly, Carla  
**Cc:** Yanez, Nancy  
**Subject:** 2nd Floor Training Room

You may schedule the foreclosure sales in this room next to the jury assembly room as a part of the mortgage foreclosure backlog project. Please send me your anticipated sales schedule whenever you get a chance. Unless you notify me otherwise, I am assuming the room will not be available of other uses during the time the project is in place.

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## Albury, Janice

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 6:19 PM  
**To:** Albury, Janice; Greno, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Trial weeks

fyii – just keeping you in the loop.

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**From:** Noll, Sharon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 5:46 PM  
**To:** Yanez, Nancy; Melendi, Rick  
**Cc:** Roberts Julie  
**Subject:** RE: Trial weeks

Nancy: We can have Angie put a notice on the web page. Our staff can put the notice of the hearing location for the week on the Jaws page. As part of the process, our staff will need to be notified which courtroom is going to be used each week, as far in advance as possible, as this will involve resource time already allocated for application development. We can't do anything about the confirmation emails that have been sent out for those hearings that have already been set. Those notices will have the assigned hearing room on their confirmation email.

Staff will do a site survey to determine if the ports are turned off or on for voice traffic and will have to turn them back on if they are off. (We recently shut down the ports that were not being used for voice traffic.) One of our staff will be responsible for moving the phone each week and making sure it is in working order for the following week's docket.

Staff will do a site survey to determine how the phone is set up for Section 2 in the courtroom on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor (whether speakers are needed). I will let you know the answers as a result of the site survey as soon as staff has completed.

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**From:** Yanez, Nancy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:28 AM  
**To:** Noll, Sharon; Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** FW: Trial weeks

Any thoughts? I need to decide today or tomorrow if we can start this week or hold off until the following week. Sharon, any word on if we can amplify off the system and if it is even going to be necessary to do it?

For the foreclosure hearings we are going to use the following courtrooms, in priority order, as available:

501  
502 (only if 501 isn't available)  
500 (only if 501 and 502 aren't available)

Is there an easy way to combine what is on the web with the info below so we can keep a running schedule of what is open?

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**From:** Barton, James  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** Yanez, Nancy  
**Subject:** FW: Trial weeks

Below is J. Silver's trial (courtroom) schedule through April of next year. J. Arnold's and J. Levens' schedules are on our website.

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**From:** Greno, Linda  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:49 AM  
**To:** Barton, James  
**Subject:** FW: Trial weeks

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**From:** Openchowski, Sasha  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:49 AM  
**To:** Greno, Linda  
**Subject:** Trial weeks

Hi Linda,  
Judge Barton requested that I send you Judge Silver's upcoming trial weeks. The trial weeks are as follows:  
Week of 11/15/10  
Week of 12/13/10  
Week of 1/10/11  
Week of 1/31/11  
Week of 3/7/11 and 3/14/11  
Week of 4/11/11 and 4/18/11

I will let you know when we post additional trial weeks ☺

Sasha Openchowski  
Judicial Assistant to  
The Honorable Bernard C. Silver  
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## Albury, Janice

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2010 1:52 PM  
**To:** Albury, Janice  
**Subject:** FW: Sr. Judge Web-Based System

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2010 1:51 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** FW: Sr. Judge Web-Based System  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Charlotte Jerrett [<mailto:jerrettc@flcourts.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2010 1:28 PM  
**To:** Trial Court Administrators  
**Cc:** Gary Phillips; Mandy Couch; Don Lubbers; Denise Overstreet; 'Michelle Oh'; Delcynth Schloss  
**Subject:** Sr. Judge Web-Based System  
**Importance:** High

Hi All,

In follow-up to our discussion during Monday's conference call, the regular sr. judge circuit allotments will be posted and available for payment requests tomorrow morning, July 1, 2010.

The economic recovery sr. judge circuit allotments will be available sometime on or after July 15, 2010. The system is still in testing and we hope to have it finished for your use around that time. As such, I am asking that you not submit payment requests for sr. judges performing work on foreclosure cases until you hear back from me that the system is ready for use.

Please keep in mind that it is critical that these resources be accounted for separately. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Thanks for your help and have a safe and restful holiday weekend.

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## Hickmon,Angelina

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**From:** Greno, Linda  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 3:08 PM  
**To:** Hickmon,Angelina; Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** FW: Updated Sale Date Calendar  
**Attachments:** Revised Calendar Oct 2010 through July 2011.pub

**From:** Gary, Angela [<mailto:GARY@hillsclerk.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:42 PM  
**To:** Greno, Linda  
**Subject:** Updated Sale Date Calendar

Good afternoon Linda,  
I was just made aware that we are going to be closed 12/31/10. I have changed the attached schedule that I sent you last week to reflect this correction.  
Sorry for the inconvenience.

Thank you  
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## Gammage, Trillany

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2010 4:16 PM  
**To:** Hickmon, Angelina; Moreno, Elisa; Valdes, Ryan; caranant@hillsclerk.com; healy@hillsclerk.com; mnassief@hcsso.tampa.fl.us; csomella@hcsso.tampa.fl.us; jlivingston@hcsso.tampa.fl.us; sgibson@hcsso.tampa.fl.us  
**Cc:** Greno, Linda; Barton, James ; Williams, Judy; Arnold, James; Albury, Janice; Snavely Carla; Bridenback, Mike; Menendez, Manuel; Wells, Tracy; Schatzberg, Beth; Gammage, Trillany; Sequeira, Maria; Causey, Michael; Roberts, Julie; Taylor, Kenneth; Stafford, Becki; Drake, Patricia; Gant, Kimberly  
**Subject:** Section I - Mortgage Foreclosure Courtroom Location - Week of November 22, 2010

Please note that Section I – Mortgage Foreclosure Hearings will be conducted in Courtroom 501, Edgecomb Building, 5<sup>th</sup> floor on **Monday, November 22, 2010, Tuesday, November 23, 2010 and Wednesday, November 24, 2010.**

A courtroom location schedule for Section I - Mortgage Foreclosure Hearings starting on Monday, November 29, 2010, will be forthcoming.

**Sequeira, Maria**

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**To:** Wanda Robertson  
**Subject:** RE: Lack of Prosecution noh - Per our conversation

Wanda:

They said you cannot appear by telephone. You must appear in person.

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**From:** Wanda Robertson [<mailto:wrobertson@kahaneandassociates.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2010 4:39 PM  
**To:** Sequeira, Maria  
**Subject:** Lack of Prosecution noh - Per our conversation

Thank you

**Nauman, Chris**

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**From:** Rowland, Dave  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 2:48 PM  
**To:** Nauman, Chris  
**Subject:** FW: RMF  
**Attachments:** RESIDENTIAL Mortgage Foreclosure Procedures for Circuit Civil Sections I & II (2).docx;  
RESIDENTIAL Mortgage Foreclosure AO (2).docx

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**From:** Menendez, Manuel  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2010 11:06 AM  
**To:** Rowland, Dave  
**Subject:** RMF

*Manuel Menendez, Jr.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION**

**RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES  
FOR CIRCUIT CIVIL SECTIONS I & II**

**I. CASE FILING, ASSIGNMENT AND IDENTIFICATION**

A. Any existing or new residential mortgage foreclosures (“RF”) pleadings shall be designated as assigned to Section I or Section II as follows:

SECTION I – Divisions A, B, C, D, & F

SECTION II – Divisions, G, H, I, J, & K

B. Attorneys shall indicate the appropriate Section on all papers and pleadings filed with the Clerk by designating the Section and “RF” beneath the case number and division as set forth in the example below:

JOHN DOE,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JANE DOE,  
Defendant.

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION: [A,B,C,D,F,G,H,I,J or K]

RF – SECTION [I] or [II]

**II. CALENDARING**

A. All hearings must be scheduled through the Judicial Automated Workflow System (JAWS). A copy of any motion scheduled and the notice of hearing must be uploaded at the time hearing is scheduled.

B. For any telephonic hearings, all parties must be conferenced in prior to the call being placed to the court.

**III. FORECLOSURE PACKETS**

All foreclosure packets must be received at least five (5) business days, prior to the scheduled hearing. All packets must include the original proposed final judgment along with sufficient copies of the final judgment, certificate of sale, certificate of disbursement, certificate of title, and three (3) sets of stamped addressed envelopes.

**IV. SALE DATES AND CANCELLATION OF SALES**

A. Judicial sales will be held daily (excluding weekends and holidays) at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. by the clerk of the court.

B. The deadlines for the cancellation of a judicial sale and for the payment of the clerk's sale fee shall be the day of the scheduled sale, no later than 9:30 a.m. for any 10:00 a.m. sale, and no later than 1:30 p.m. for any 2:00 p.m. sale. The clerk will cancel any scheduled foreclosure sale upon receipt, no later than these deadlines, of a Notice of Cancellation of Foreclosure Sale submitted by plaintiff's counsel. The clerk will accept a facsimile of the Notice of Cancellation of Foreclosure Sale at the number designated on the clerk's website at [www.hillsclerk.com](http://www.hillsclerk.com) (Foreclosure Sales) and the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit website at [www.fljud13.org](http://www.fljud13.org) (General Civil Division). The original Notice of Cancellation of Foreclosure Sale must be filed with the clerk. The uniform Notice of Cancellation of Foreclosure Sale form may be found at [www.fljud13.org/formspage.asp](http://www.fljud13.org/formspage.asp)

**V. EFFECTIVE DATES**

A. All hearings currently scheduled for July, 2010 will be heard by the appropriate Section I or Section II Judge at the time and date designated in the Notice of Hearing.

B. Beginning August 2, 2010, all hearings will be scheduled and heard as described in these Procedures.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2010-051  
(Supplements Administrative Order S-2009-098)

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SECTIONS AND PROCEDURES

Inasmuch as the Florida Legislature has authorized and designated funds for the purpose of processing the backlog of residential mortgage foreclosure cases, it is necessary to establish and implement appropriate procedures in order to effectuate this purpose. Accordingly, two sections within the Civil Division of the Circuit Court and procedures relating to the processing of residential mortgage foreclosure cases are hereby established.

By the power vested in the chief judge under Florida Rules of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), it is therefore ORDERED:

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CIRCUIT CIVIL SECTIONS

All existing and newly filed residential mortgage foreclosure cases shall be assigned to one of the two newly created circuit civil division sections as follows:

Section I – cases filed in current circuit civil divisions A, B, C, D, & F

Section II – cases filed in current circuit civil divisions G, H, I, J & K

2. IMPLIMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

Detailed procedures for residential mortgage cases are located at

<http://www.fljud13.org/divisionspage.asp> (RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES FOR CIRCUIT CIVIL SECTIONS I & II).

3. PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SUPPLEMENTED

The procedures implemented by this Administrative Order supplement the foreclosure procedures of Administrative Order S-2009-098, which remain in full force and effect.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This administrative order is effective July 1, 2010.

It is ORDERED in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Manuel Menendez, Jr., Chief Judge

Original to: Pat Frank, Clerk of the Court

copies to: All General Civil Division Judges  
Hillsborough County Bar Association



## Wells, Tracy

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From: Hickmon,Angelina  
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 2:32 PM  
To: Wells, Tracy  
Subject: FW: Foreclosure Hearing - Cancellations Today

Hello Tracy,  
Can you give me Mike Bridenback email?

-----Original Message-----

From: Melendi, Rick  
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 11:40 AM  
To: Moreno,Elisa; Hickmon,Angelina; Schatzberg,Beth; Gammage,Trillany  
Cc: Greno, Linda  
Subject: Foreclosure Hearing - Cancellations Today

Good Morning,

Please provide Mike Bridenback and myself via email the information requested below in 1) and 2) immediately following the conclusion of all hearings for today or at the latest 3:45 for both Section I and II.

- 1) The total number of hearings scheduled for today - a.m. /Pam. through JAWS; and,
- 2) The total number of hearings -cancelled prior to today's hearings including, those hearings cancelled at the time of the hearing.

Thank you.

## Bridenback, Mike

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**From:** Kristine Slayden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2010 9:10 AM  
**To:** Trial Court Chief Judges  
**Cc:** Trial Court Administrators; Lisa Goodner; Judge Margaret O. Steinbeck; Charlotte Jerrett; Dorothy Wilson; Theresa Westerfield; Arlene Johnson; Heather Thuotte-Pierson  
**Subject:** Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Non-recurring Funding  
**Attachments:** Foreclosure and Economic Recovery In Courtroom Resources Responses from Circuits\_May 27 2010 (2).pdf; Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding Plans Updated after 05212010.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Chief Judges -

Attached are the final versions of the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding Circuit Allocations chart and the In-courtroom Resources chart. As mentioned in my email last Friday, the Trial Court Budget Commission anticipates that the chief judge in each circuit will work with their clerks to ensure the clerks use their separate appropriation (see excerpt of CS/HB 5401 below) to adequately support the court's plan. These plans (clerk's and court's) need to be shared with the Office of the State Courts Administrator so that the Legislature can be informed of the collaborative work on this issue. In addition, the TCBC approved the requirement that the clerks of court provide data support for this initiative.

The Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) Executive Council met on May 25, 2010 to discuss their Finance and Budget (F&B) Committee's recommendation on the methodology for distribution of their foreclosure Appropriation. They discussed the language in CS/HB 5401 and were aware that the TCBC had asked the chief judges to work with the clerks on the plan.

The CCOC F&B Committee's recommendation distributed the \$3.6 million appropriation in the following manner: Part 1 distributes \$1.8 million based on the number of cases as referenced by the TCBC reimbursed at the average per case rate; and Part 2 distributes the remaining \$1.8 million based on Court determined percentage allocation of court appropriations for foreclosures to each of the Judicial Circuits. Since the CCOC F&B methodology does not allocate by county, there was discussion about an appropriate allocation in multi-county jurisdictions. It was decided that the clerks in multi-county jurisdictions should coordinate with each other, and all clerks, in every circuit, should meet with their chief judges to make sure that the county allocations and the clerks' plans match the plan of the chief judges in each circuit.

The clerks stated their understanding that the funding will be available on July 1<sup>st</sup> and they recognized the urgency to get the resources in place as soon as possible. They discussed the goal of the appropriation to clear the foreclosure backlog and agreed that they would hire resources to assist the courts in achieving that goal. Their chair, Mr. Forman, offered to send a letter any chief judge, if contact was needed. They also passed a motion to develop a simple tracking system to make sure that they were able to track the money spent on this initiative. They plan to present a more formal plan for the tracking system at their next meeting on June 29, 2010.

**Please contact the clerks in your circuit as soon as possible about your plan to fund this initiative. Legislative staff have requested that the clerks' and courts' spending plans be submitted at the same time so that they can ensure that the two plans work together in support of the goal.**

The Trial Court Budget Commission plans to discuss this matter again at their June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please let me know any update on the status of the communication with your clerks before the meeting, if at all possible. Thank you for your help. Kris

*CS/HB 5401 Enrolled - The sum of \$3,600,000 of non-recurring funds from the Clerks of Court Trust Fund is appropriated to the Clerks of Court Operations Corporation to be distributed to the clerks of court where the state court system has distributed the increased resources provided in the 2010-11 General Appropriations Act for workload associated with foreclosure and economic recovery. The corporation shall submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to distribute the funding among the clerks of court.*

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## Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding Proposal In-Courtroom Resources Only (as of May 27, 2010)

Circuit	County	62% of Estimated Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog Cases	General Magistrates			Senior Judge		Maximum Courtrooms
			OPS Funding	Contracted Services Funding	Estimated FTE	Total Funding	Estimated Days	
1	Escambia						28	1
	Okaloosa						36	1
	Santa Rosa						14	1
	Walton						28	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,035</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$37,100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Franklin						5	1
	Gadsden						5	1
	Jefferson						0	0
	Leon						45	1
	Liberty						0	0
	Wakulla						5	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$21,180</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4</b>
3	Columbia							
	Dixie							
	Hamilton							
	Lafayette							
	Madison							
	Suwannee							
	Taylor							
	<b>Total</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
4	Clay						165	1
	Duval						218	2
	Nassau						110	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,344</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$172,729</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>4</b>

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Circuit	County	62% of Estimated Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog Cases	General Magistrates			Senior Judge		Maximum Courtrooms
			OPS Funding	Contracted Services Funding	Estimated FTE	Total Funding	Estimated Days	
5	Citrus						41	1
	Hernando						41	1
	Lake						41	1
	Marion						41	1
	Sumter						41	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>12,357</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$72,100</b>	<b>206</b>
6	Pasco						118	2
	Pinellas						119	2
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$82,950</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>4</b>
7	Flagler						65	1
	Putnam						65	1
	St. Johns						65	1
	Volusia						65	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>13,383</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$91,000</b>	<b>260</b>
8	Alachua				0.00		50	1
	Baker				0.09		0	1
	Bradford				0.09		0	1
	Gilchrist				0.09		0	1
	Levy				0.09		0	1
	Union				0.09		0	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,597</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$37,035</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>	<b>50</b>
9	Orange						470	2
	Osceola						235	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$246,750</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>3</b>

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			OPS Funding	Contracted Services Funding	Estimated FTE	Total Funding	Estimated Days	
10	Hardee						0	0
	Highlands						0	0
	Polk						52	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,047</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$18,200</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>
11	Dade	<b>54,532</b>	<b>\$82,481</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>\$171,500</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>3.5</b>
12	Desoto						0	0
	Manatee						135	2
	Sarasota						135	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,845</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$94,500</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>4</b>
13	Hillsborough	<b>23,672</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>2</b>
14	Bay						92	1
	Calhoun						0	0
	Gulf						0	0
	Holmes						0	0
	Jackson						0	0
	Washington						0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,873</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$32,430</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>
15	Palm Beach	<b>39,309</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$176,400</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>2</b>
16	Monroe	<b>1,656</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,400</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>\$49,700</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>3</b>
17	Broward	<b>35,659</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$87,500</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2</b>
18	Brevard						496	2
	Seminole						248	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,252</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$260,643</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>3</b>

## Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding Proposal In-Courtroom Resources Only (as of May 27, 2010)

Circuit	County	62% of Estimated Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog Cases	General Magistrates			Senior Judge		Maximum Courtrooms
			OPS Funding	Contracted Services Funding	Estimated FTE	Total Funding	Estimated Days	
19	Indian River						48	1
	Martin						48	1
	Okeechobee						0	0
	St. Lucie						144	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,844</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$84,000</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>3</b>
20	Charlotte				0.00		40	1
	Collier				0.20		162	1
	Glades				0.00		38	1
	Hendry				0.00		18	1
	Lee				1.50		180	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,423</b>	<b>\$135,470</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>\$153,300</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>State Total</b>		<b>347,165</b>	<b>\$217,951</b>	<b>\$51,435</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>\$2,064,482</b>	<b>5,896</b>	<b>65</b>

Notes:

1. Totals may not be exact due to rounding.
2. Information provided for Maximum Courtrooms in circuits 13 and 14 represent Hearing Rooms.
3. Circuit 15 held \$113,080 in reserve and will reassess the progress with their plan three to four months after implementation. The circuit will then either increase aspects of their plan or return any excess funds for use by other

**Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding Proposal Updated after May 21, 2010  
FY 2010/11 Circuit Allocations**

Circuit	General Magistrate/Senior Judge				Case Management			General Magistrate/Senior Judge Administrative Support			Mediation Administrative Support			Total
	GM OPS	GM Contracted Services	GM/Senior Judge Expense	Senior Judge Days	OPS	Contracted Services	Expenses	OPS	Contracted Services	Expenses	OPS	Contracted Services	Expenses	
1			\$2,700	\$37,100	\$63,179		\$3,386							\$106,365
2			\$2,426	\$21,180	\$40,142		\$4,800	\$34,217		\$3,600				\$106,365
3					\$38,171			\$26,090						\$64,261
4				\$172,729				\$40,000						\$212,729
5				\$72,100				\$140,430		\$199				\$212,729
6			\$6,514	\$82,950	\$221,738		\$6,550							\$317,752
7			\$3,351	\$91,000	\$117,378		\$1,000							\$212,729
8		\$37,035	\$2,500	\$17,500	\$39,126		\$5,204		\$5,000					\$106,365
9				\$246,750	\$178,707									\$425,457
10				\$18,200	\$38,871		\$11,336	\$26,623		\$11,335				\$106,365
11	\$82,481		\$2,597	\$171,500	\$457,782	\$4,860	\$16,065	\$120,568		\$6,200				\$862,053
12			\$2,000	\$94,500	\$116,229									\$212,729
13			\$2,500	\$195,000	\$168,477		\$5,355	\$56,172						\$427,504
14			\$5,000	\$32,430	\$36,115		\$2,500	\$27,820		\$2,500				\$106,365
15			\$10,000	\$250,604	\$272,103		\$20,000	\$83,833		\$10,000				\$646,540
16		\$14,400	\$12,725	\$49,700				\$27,989		\$1,551				\$106,365
17				\$87,500	\$505,378		\$53,662							\$646,540
18				\$260,643				\$58,451						\$319,094
19			\$12,000	\$84,000	\$84,238		\$4,405	\$28,086						\$212,729
20	\$135,470			\$153,300	\$39,126			\$97,562						\$425,458
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$217,951</b>	<b>\$51,435</b>	<b>\$64,313</b>	<b>\$2,138,686</b>	<b>\$2,416,760</b>	<b>\$4,860</b>	<b>\$134,263</b>	<b>\$767,841</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$35,385</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,836,494</b>
													<b>2% Expense Contingency</b>	<b>\$119,112</b>
													<b>Executive Direction</b>	<b>\$44,394</b>
													<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>

no change

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## **Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Barton, James  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2010 9:02 AM  
**To:** CIRCCIVJUD  
**Cc:** CIRCCIVJA; Bridenback, Mike; Melendi, Rick; Snavely Carla  
**Subject:** foreclosures

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

We are in the final stages of designing the new residential foreclosure litigation plan, effective July 1. Here's an update:

1. Several applications have been received for the new case manager and JA positions. J. Arnold and I will be part of the hiring review process. Let me know if you want to participate.
2. The physical location of the two teams has been fixed: one team will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor with the judge and JA between J. Arnold and me and the case managers across the hall in the back section of the 5<sup>th</sup> floor library; the second team will be located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.
3. The clerk has agreed to immediately begin the hiring process for the new clerk positions. The clerk will also schedule two sales every day: one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
4. Our staff and the clerk's office have been working long and hard to make this procedure work. If you have specific questions or suggestions about any aspect of the plan, please let me know.
5. There's a meeting at 2 :00 pm today (Thursday) in my office with the clerk's office . Feel free to join us.

## **Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 4:02 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** FW: Cancelled Hearings

Section II – total hearings set 68; 35 cancelled today.

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 3:52 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** FW: Cancelled Hearings

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**From:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 3:51 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Cc:** Gammage, Trillany  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

We had a total of 35 cases cancelled for today's hearings

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:47 PM  
**To:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

Please do I have a deadline to meet with the media today at 4:00 p.m., as to the total number of cancellations.

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**From:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:44 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Cc:** Gammage, Trillany  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

There are more hearings scheduled for this afternoon – both telephonic & non-telephonic. We will keep you posted as the time goes by.

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:41 PM  
**To:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

So, this is a total of 33 a.m. and p.m. cancelled hearings? Will you have additional p.m. cancellations today at the time of the telephonic hearing?

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**From:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:38 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick

**Cc:** Gammage,Trillany  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

On JAWS – we had 27 cases cancelled prior to today. On this morning’s docket, we had 5 cancellations & 1 cancelled @ 1:30.

Beth

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 1:04 PM  
**To:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

Yes, the hearings on today’s morning docket and today’s afternoon docket.

Thank you.

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**From:** Schatzberg,Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 12:48 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** RE: Cancelled Hearings

Do you mean the hearings scheduled for today’s docket?

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2010 12:22 PM  
**To:** Moreno,Elisa; Hickmon,Angelina; Schatzberg,Beth; Gammage,Trillany  
**Subject:** Cancelled Hearings

Please provide me the total number of hearings cancelled this morning asap. Also, I will need the total number of hearings canceled by 3:30; 3:45 at the latest.

Thank you.

## Melendi, Rick

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2010 11:36 AM  
**To:** rushl@flcourts.org  
**Cc:** Bridenback, Mike; Nauman, Chris  
**Subject:** 13th Circuit's Request for Clarification re: ACLU Public record Request

Laura,

As a follow up to our meeting of yesterday regarding the ACLU Public Records Request, the 13<sup>th</sup> circuit would request clarification of the following:

1. Clarification as to whether the ACLU request for all records from January 1, 2009 to present (October 19, 2010) includes, all foreclosure records unrelated to the circuit's Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Project?
2. Clarification of paragraph 2 of the request, as to what is meant in regard to all records relating to rules, procedures and practices established to manage, adjudicate or dispose of foreclosures cases? More specifically, provide us examples of records the ACLU believes relate to rules, procedures and practices established to manage, adjudicate or dispose of foreclosures cases? Further, clarify whether the records requested include all records relating to rules, procedures and practices established to manage, adjudicate or dispose of foreclosures cases from January 1, 2009 to present (October 19, 2010), or all records post establishment of the circuit's Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Project?
3. Clarification of paragraph 3 of the request, as to the definition of the term clerk?
4. Clarification of paragraph 5, as to all records, citing an example, as to rules relating to the governing of public access to civil proceedings including, public access to proceedings in foreclosures cases? Also, specifically, clarification as to whether the request includes all records from January 1, 2009 to present (October 19, 2010) regarding public access, or public access post the establishment of the circuit's Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Project?



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Posting Date: June 8, 2010

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**PAY GRADE: 11**

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Performs routine office tasks, such as scanning documents, performing data entry, faxing, filing, photocopying, and orders office supplies.

Perform other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or GED and two years of experience in office skills, computer operation or a closely related field. Substitution: Additional relevant experience may substitute for the recommended educational level on a year-for-year basis. Specialized knowledge of mortgage foreclosure practices; Paralegal experience or work experience involving assignments related to the mortgage foreclosure process is preferred.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Knowledge of and ability to use a word processor and/or personal computer word processing applications such as word perfect. Knowledge of the rules of English grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Skilled at providing assistance to people to achieve task completion. Ability to communicate clearly. Ability to maintain confidentiality concerning sensitive information. Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines. Ability to plan and establish priorities for work assignments.

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## Valdes,Ryan

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**From:** Wells, Tracy  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2010 3:53 PM  
**To:** Valdes,Ryan; Sequeira, Maria  
**Subject:** FW: Foreclosure Calendar Aug-Dec 2010  
**Attachments:** Foreclosure Calendar-Aug-Dec 2010.pdf

I just wanted to make sure you have a copy of the calendar of Senior Judges through the end of the year.

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**From:** Greno, Linda  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2010 3:36 PM  
**To:** Wells, Tracy  
**Subject:** FW: Foreclosure Calendar Aug-Dec 2010

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**From:** Albury, Janice  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2010 12:12 PM  
**To:** Greno, Linda; Wells, Tracy; Sequeira, Maria  
**Cc:** Helpdesk, Helpdesk; Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** Foreclosure Calendar Aug-Dec 2010

Attached is the Senior Judge assignments for Foreclosure Sections 1 & 2 from August through December 2010.

### Senior Judge Full Names

Donald C. Evans  
Frank A. Gomez  
Perry A. Little  
J. Rogers Padgett, Sr.  
Ralph Steinberg  
Sandra Taylor

**Moreno,Elisa**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Friday, November 19, 2010 2:17 PM  
**To:** Hickmon,Angelina; Moreno,Elisa; Valdes,Ryan; Gammage,Trillany; Sequeira, Maria; Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** Chief Justice Memo to Chief Judges re: Mortgage Foreclosures  
**Attachments:** Memo to Chief Judges re Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings.pdf

Attached for your review is a copy of a Memo from the Chief Justice to all Chief Judges regarding Mortgage foreclosure Proceedings.

Thank you.

## **Wells, Tracy**

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**From:** Wells, Tracy  
**Sent:** Friday, July 23, 2010 3:45 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE

Rick,

Maria decided to go ahead and stay in Section II. I told her that I was proud of her decision to take one for the team. I also told her that she was our strength on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and Ryan needed the guidance of Linda Greno while still in training.

I informed the Tech department so they can set them up accordingly.

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PS: Have a great weekend!



## Wells, Tracy

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2010 4:16 PM  
**To:** Hickmon, Angelina; Moreno, Elisa; Valdes, Ryan; caranant@wellsfargo.com; healy@wellsfargo.com; mnassief@wellsfargo.com; csomella@wellsfargo.com; jlivingston@wellsfargo.com; sgibson@wellsfargo.com  
**Cc:** Greno, Linda; Barton, James ; Williams, Judy; Arnold, James; Albury, Janice; Snavely Carla; Bridenback, Mike; Menendez, Manuel; Wells, Tracy; Schatzberg, Beth; Gammage, Trillany; Sequeira, Maria; Causey, Michael; Roberts, Julie; Taylor, Kenneth; Stafford, Becki; Drake, Patricia; Gant, Kimberly  
**Subject:** Section I - Mortgage Foreclosure Courtroom Location - Week of November 22, 2010

Please note that Section I – Mortgage Foreclosure Hearings will be conducted in Courtroom 501, Edgecomb Building, 5<sup>th</sup> floor on **Monday, November 22, 2010, Tuesday, November 23, 2010 and Wednesday, November 24, 2010.**

A courtroom location schedule for Section I - Mortgage Foreclosure Hearings starting on Monday, November 29, 2010, will be forthcoming.

**Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2010 4:01 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** FW: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Report – 2010/08  
**Attachments:** 13\_29Hillsborough\_FERCTS.xlsm

Mike,

Attached is a copy of the 13<sup>th</sup> circuit's monthly mortgage foreclosure tracking system workbook for submission to OSCA. Please forward the attached copy of the workbook via email to [FERCTS@flcourts.org](mailto:FERCTS@flcourts.org)

Thank you.

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**From:** Flores,Roberto  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2010 2:05 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Report – 2010/08

The workbook copy must be submitted via e-mail to [FERCTS@flcourts.org](mailto:FERCTS@flcourts.org).

**Roberto Flores**

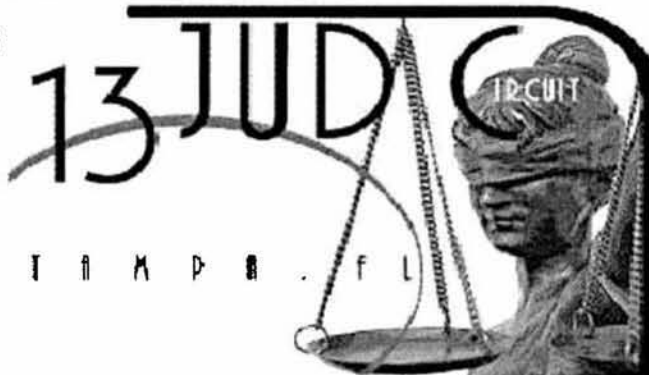
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## **Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2010 4:42 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** August, 2010 - Mortgage Foreclosure Monthly Data Reported

Mike,

Below is the a breakdown of the August, 2010 disposal data reported submitted to OSCA via the copy of the monthly tracking system workbook, I just forwarded to you.

Total records 33,439

2341- Disposed

- 1 – Inactivity - Attorney inactivity
- 17 – Inactivity - Insufficient pleadings/documentation
- 7 – Inactivity - Mediation/Settlement negotiations
- 1 – Stayed Bankruptcy = Disposed

31,072 - Inactivity other

**Note:**

The number of mortgage foreclosure cases reported as disposed above represents the month of August, 2010 and four (4) of the six (6) days of hearings scheduled so far in the month of September, 2010. At this time,, approximately ¼ of the docket data entry for the month of July, 2010, has been entered. I am anticipating that once all of the July's data is entered that are number of disposed cases will come more in line with the 3,236 number the clerk's office reported to the chief.

## Melendi, Rick

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 2010 12:06 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

An Residential Mortgage Foreclosure - Target Backlog Reduction goal has been set for each circuit. As such, I would submit that if the objective of the project is to reduce (i.e., dispose) the backlog, why would so much emphasis be placed on capturing status codes/activity reporting. A pending case is a pending case. Do we really have to concern ourselves with the status codes as to why the case is pending. Unless, I am missing something, I believe the Legislature and Financial Institutions are only going to concern themselves with the number of dispositions of backlogged foreclosure actions.

Accordingly, I would suggest the status codes be reduced to two (2) categories – Disposed/Closed (Summary Judgment/Final Judgment, Trial, or Dismissed) and Pending. Anything outside of those two categories will bog the circuits/case managers down in the minutia. Not to mention, that not all circuits will have clerks in the courtroom capturing the activity data during the foreclosure hearings which will put more on the case managers.

**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2010 6:35 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** Fwd: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

Your thoughts?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Callanan, Richard" <[RCallanan@CA.CJIS20.ORG](mailto:RCallanan@CA.CJIS20.ORG)>  
**Date:** July 7, 2010 6:05:21 PM EDT  
**To:** "P.J. Stockdale" <[stockdap@flcourts.org](mailto:stockdap@flcourts.org)>  
**Cc:** "Fishbeck, Eric" <[EFishbeck@CA.CJIS20.ORG](mailto:EFishbeck@CA.CJIS20.ORG)>, "Kristine Slayden" <[slaydenk@flcourts.org](mailto:slaydenk@flcourts.org)>, "Arlene Johnson" <[johnsona@flcourts.org](mailto:johnsona@flcourts.org)>, "Bridenback, Mike" <[BRIDENML@fljud13.org](mailto:BRIDENML@fljud13.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

PJ,

I definitely agree with Mike's idea to limit the case type categories.

We have spent a lot of time with local staff, reviewing these codes and reporting elements, and our biggest problem is the large number of status codes and difficulty in capturing the status code changes. We have some ideas on simplifying the "status codes", since this is the real key to the tracking report. It is also the most difficult to capture since the clerk in the courtroom is the only real-time way to get the status changes and the clerks systems do not capture them in any detailed way.

Anyway, here is our suggestion, and Eric Fishbeck will be calling you to discuss in more detail:

1. Reduce the status codes from nine to four categories: (1) Active, (2) Stayed -Bankruptcy/Other, (3) Inactivity by Attorney/Abatement or (4) Closed. . Most clerks systems can report on at least 3 of these 4 status codes, and with a possible extract report from the clerks system that notes "last event" and "date of last event" staff may be able to research and determine if there was an order staying/inactivating the case. With fewer codes, staff may be able to work with clerks to get these type of extract reports. Frankly, clerks in small counties will a lot of difficulty capturing any data beyond active/inactive/closed.
2. Limit the "Event" reporting to ONLY the "Last Event" , "Date of Last Event" and Status Code otherwise this gets way to cumbersome. Don't try to capture all events and dates of status change through this report. If we want interim time and event analysis , we can do that with sampling.

Eric will be calling with some other thoughts and to discuss in detail..

Thanks again for the chance to comment.

Rick

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**From:** P.J. Stockdale [mailto:stockdap@flcourts.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2010 5:06 PM  
**To:** P.J. Stockdale; Callanan, Richard  
**Cc:** Kristine Slayden; Arlene Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

Rick,

Just wanted to follow up on your thoughts for the foreclosure case tracking application. Mike has suggested reducing the SRS case types to one single type "Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure" as there isn't any real need to break it out further. It seems clear from the ongoing discussion up here that the primary purpose of this reporting application is to capture some solid

activity data about foreclosure cases rather than disposition data on specific case types so I am very interested in your take on the status values. The challenge is to define case status changes that are broad enough that it is practical to capture the data while making them specific enough to describe the evolution of the case. We've had some good input from Mike and Judge Bailey in this area.

I apologize for rushing a little but we are trying to lock down the details so that we can present to the Court Statistics and Workload Committee on Monday. I look forward to hearing from you.

PJ

PJ Stockdale

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**From:** P.J. Stockdale  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2010 3:56 PM  
**To:** Richard Callanan; Mike Bridenback  
**Cc:** Kristine Slayden; Arlene Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

Rick,

Thanks for the quick response. The clerks in each county will be providing OSCA with a base list of pending foreclosure cases outstanding as of June 30, 2010. The OSCA will preload a set

of workbooks for each circuit. Assuming the Court Statistics and Workload Committee signs off on the data plan, we expect to have the working data out to the circuits by 7/16.

I understand what you are saying, Rick. It is something we struggled with as we put this together. Coming up with something that will help those circuits that need it without hobbling the operations of other circuits has been quite a challenge. Of course, that is why we sent the workbooks out to you. Now is a good time for some feedback and discussion.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks again

PJ

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**From:** Callanan, Richard [mailto:RCallanan@CA.CJIS20.ORG]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2010 3:10 PM  
**To:** P.J. Stockdale; Mike Bridenback  
**Cc:** Kristine Slayden; Arlene Johnson  
**Subject:** Re: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

PJ

Thank you for the chance to review and comment. Will the clerks or osca be providing the base list/excel file of pending cases? I am reviewing this with my IT, statistical reporting and civil folks and will get you comments next week.

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## Melendi, Rick

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 2010 3:04 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

Mike,

As we discussed, for our purposes based on the definition below cases are considered closed in the 13<sup>th</sup> circuit. I only question the heading: Date Reopen Event Closed may cause some confusion, but then again, it may just be me.

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 2010 11:30 AM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** Fwd: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Callanan, Richard" <[RCallanan@CA.CJIS20.ORG](mailto:RCallanan@CA.CJIS20.ORG)>  
**Date:** July 8, 2010 10:36:23 AM EDT  
**To:** "P.J. Stockdale" <[stockdap@flcourts.org](mailto:stockdap@flcourts.org)>, "Bridenback, Mike" <[bridenml@fljud13.org](mailto:bridenml@fljud13.org)>  
**Cc:** "Fishbeck, Eric" <[EFishbeck@CA.CJIS20.ORG](mailto:EFishbeck@CA.CJIS20.ORG)>, "Kristine Slayden" <[slaydenk@flcourts.org](mailto:slaydenk@flcourts.org)>, "Arlene Johnson" <[johnsona@flcourts.org](mailto:johnsona@flcourts.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

PJ

We think your definition of "reopened" cases is right on the money. It should only include cases reopened and pending final "judicial" action.

We pulled a sample of case marked "reopened" in Clerk systems in Lee and Charlotte and manually went through a sample—as you know, it is complicated by the fact that the clerks:

(1) Mark foreclosure cases as "reopened" for many reasons, i.e. postponement of sale (online sales are often cancelled) after default judgment by the court, etc. For our purposes, and under your definition, these cases are in fact "closed". A very small percentage of cases marked "reopened" by the clerk (less than 5% from our sample) are actually reopened pending further judicial action, e.g. motion to vacate dismissal and reopen, motion to vacate mediation settlement due to failure to carry out terms of settlement etc.

We intend to obtain separate pending case extract report list for "reopened" cases, with a listing of last event/date and work through those to note as "closed" where we can determine the case is simply pending clerk action. This will be time consuming, but I think necessary.

(2) We are told by Lee and Charlotte clerks, that once a case is marked as reopened, they have no way to capture the second "closed" date. As such, the clerk system will not report date closed on reopened cases. That means this will often require manual search of the case file. In Charlotte county alone, they have about 10% of the entire pending caseload in "reopened" status, so this will be very labor intensive on the circuits. We are trying to get funding to hire 2 additional interns (on county payroll) to go through all of the reopened cases as of 6/30/10. That way we will at least start with a clean count. Keeping this up to date is going to be very labor intensive for the circuits.

Rick

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**From:** P.J. Stockdale [mailto:stockdap@flcourts.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 2010 10:04 AM  
**To:** Callanan, Richard; Mike Bridenback  
**Cc:** Fishbeck, Eric; Kristine Slayden; Arlene Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

Rick,

Thanks for the feedback. We have had some great feedback on this and we presenting all of the recommendations to the Court Statistics and Workload Committee. Hopefully, we can get these details nailed down at last.

There was one other issue that we wanted your feedback on. Actually, Mike, we would like your feedback as well. That is the definition of when a reopened case is closed. There is no formal definition in SRS for this event and we want case managers and initiative staff to have a clear picture of when the case is closed. We used the SRS definition for dispositions as a basis tailored it to specifically to the initiative. Please edit the below definition if you think it needs more discrete direction for the case manager.

*Date Reopen Event Closed – report reopen cases as closed after the final judicial decision which terminates court proceedings, including a summary/final judgment or*

*order entered by the court, and that transfers the case to the clerk of court for action to complete sale.*

Thanks again

PJ

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2010 6:05 PM  
**To:** P.J. Stockdale  
**Cc:** Fishbeck, Eric; Kristine Slayden; Arlene Johnson; Mike Bridenback  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

PJ,

I definitely agree with Mike's idea to limit the case type categories.

We have spent a lot of time with local staff, reviewing these codes and reporting elements, and our biggest problem is the large number of status codes and difficulty in capturing the status code changes. We have some ideas on simplifying the "status codes", since this is the real key to the tracking report. It

is also the most difficult to capture since the clerk in the courtroom is the only real-time way to get the status changes and the clerks systems do not capture them in any detailed way.

Anyway, here is our suggestion, and Eric Fishbeck will be calling you to discuss in more detail:

1. Reduce the status codes from nine to four categories: (1) Active, (2) Stayed -Bankruptcy/Other, (3) Inactivity by Attorney/Abatement or (4) Closed. . Most clerks systems can report on at least 3 of these 4 status codes, and with a possible extract report from the clerks system that notes "last event" and "date of last event" staff may be able to research and determine if there was an order staying/inactivating the case. With fewer codes, staff may be able to work with clerks to get these type of extract reports. Frankly, clerks in small counties will a lot of difficulty capturing any data beyond active/inactive/closed.
2. Limit the "Event" reporting to ONLY the "Last Event" , "Date of Last Event" and Status Code otherwise this gets way to cumbersome. Don't try to capture all events and dates of status change through this report. If we want interim time and event analysis , we can do that with sampling.

Eric will be calling with some other thoughts and to discuss in detail..

Thanks again for the chance to comment.

Rick

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**From:** P.J. Stockdale [mailto:stockdap@flcourts.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2010 5:06 PM  
**To:** P.J. Stockdale; Callanan, Richard  
**Cc:** Kristine Slayden; Arlene Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Prototype of Foreclosure Case Tracking System

Rick,

Just wanted to follow up on your thoughts for the foreclosure case tracking application. Mike has suggested reducing the SRS case types to one single type "Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure" as there isn't any real need to break it out further. It seems clear from the ongoing discussion up here that the primary purpose of this reporting application is to capture some solid activity data about foreclosure cases rather than disposition data on specific case types so I am very interested in your take on the status values. The challenge is to define case status changes that are broad enough that it is practical to capture the data while making them specific enough to describe the evolution of the case. We've had some good input from Mike and Judge Bailey in this area.

I apologize for rushing a little but we are trying to lock down the details so that we can present to the Court Statistics and Workload Committee on Monday. I look forward to hearing from you.

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**To:** Richard Callanan; Mike Bridenback  
**Cc:** Kristine Slayden; Arlene Johnson  
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Rick,

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I understand what you are saying, Rick. It is something we struggled with as we put this together. Coming up with something that will help those circuits that need it without hobbling the operations of other circuits has been quite a challenge. Of course, that is why we sent the workbooks out to you. Now is a good time for some feedback and discussion.

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**Melendi, Rick**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 5:25 PM  
**To:** Wells, Tracy  
**Subject:** Re: foreclosure mail

Yes

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Wells, Tracy  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Tue Jul 06 17:24:56 2010  
**Subject:** FW: foreclosure mail

We need the mail to be delivered to the new foreclosure offices on the 4th and 5th floors respectively.

Do you want me to handle this?

T.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 2:16 PM  
**To:** Barton, James  
**Cc:** Wells, Tracy  
**Subject:** Re: foreclosure mail

Tracy

Sent from my iPhone

Dn Jul 6, 2010, at 2:14 PM, "Barton, James " <[BARTONJM@fljud13.org](mailto:BARTONJM@fljud13.org)>  
wrote:

> Who would tell the mail people to deliver the mail to the two new  
> foreclosure section offices?

## Melendi, Rick

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010 10:11 AM  
**To:** Greno, Linda  
**Subject:** Fw: General Civil Judges" Web Site Posting re: Residential Mortgage Foreclosures

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**From:** Fallon, Simone  
**To:** Melendi, Rick; Smith, Angie  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 23 09:51:38 2010  
**Subject:** RE: General Civil Judges" Web Site Posting re: Residential Mortgage Foreclosures  
Hello Rick,

For Divisions A, B, C, D, F, G, H, I, J & K the new announcement has been posted to each of the following pages on our current website. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Angie,

I am working now to post to the new, unpublished website.

Thanks,

Simone

<http://www.fljud13.org/judgependino.asp>  
[http://www.fljud13.org/pendino\\_mortgage.asp?calendarid=267](http://www.fljud13.org/pendino_mortgage.asp?calendarid=267)

<http://www.fljud13.org/judgefoster.asp>  
[http://www.fljud13.org/foster\\_mortgage.asp?calendarid=265](http://www.fljud13.org/foster_mortgage.asp?calendarid=265)

<http://www.fljud13.org/judgebarton.asp>  
[http://www.fljud13.org/barton\\_mortgage.asp?calendarid=139](http://www.fljud13.org/barton_mortgage.asp?calendarid=139)

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[http://www.fljud13.org/crenshaw\\_MSJTelephonic.asp?calendarid=10184](http://www.fljud13.org/crenshaw_MSJTelephonic.asp?calendarid=10184)

<http://www.fljud13.org/judgebergmann.asp>  
<http://www.fljud13.org/bergmannFORECLOSURE.asp?calendarid=134>

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<http://www.fljud13.org/judgesilver.asp>  
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<http://www.fljud13.org/judgelevens.asp>  
[http://www.fljud13.org/levens\\_mortgage.asp?calendarid=144](http://www.fljud13.org/levens_mortgage.asp?calendarid=144)  
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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2010 5:59 PM  
**To:** Fallon, Simone  
**Subject:** General Civil Judges" Web Site Posting re: Residential Mortgage Foreclosures

Simone,

I spoke with Angie late this afternoon regarding the need for your assistance tomorrow a.m. to post an individual announcement on each General Civil Judges' web page. Attached is the language that needs to be posted to each letter divisions/judges' page which will include a link to the Main Page of the JAWS scheduling application.

I have a meeting at 9:00 tomorrow morning, but let's see if we can get together for a few minutes before that meeting to discuss and in case you have questions.

Thanks.

**Melendi, Rick**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2010 7:38 PM  
**To:** Roberts Julie; Michelle Kingry; Mike Lawless  
**Subject:** Rd. 2 Deployment JAWS Notification Page re: Mortgage Foreclosures

Round 2 deployment test successful. A single address for Section I and Section II is all that appears on the site.

Thank you.

## Melendi, Rick

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 6:40 PM  
**To:** Barton, James ; Menendez, Manuel; Melendi, Rick; Snavely Carla  
**Subject:** Fwd: Foreclosure Trial List Notice/Case Management Conf  
**Attachments:** Small\_13JudCircuit\_logo\_final; ATT101876.htm; Order setting DS 8-10.doc; ATT101877.htm; Foreclosure report.xlsx; ATT101878.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Aloia, Nancy K" <NAloia@CA.CJIS20.ORG>  
**Date:** September 1, 2010 5:28:09 PM EDT  
**To:** "Bridenback, Mike" <BRIDENML@fljud13.org>, "Callanan, Richard" <RCallanan@CA.CJIS20.ORG>  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Trial List Notice/Case Management Conf

Hello

Sorry for the slight delay but I wanted to forward you the most recent version of the order which was modified just yesterday.

We have 4 docket types running:

- 1) Docket Soundings (where the Motion for Summary Judgment may also be noticed)
- 2) Contested Hearing dockets
- 3) Uncontested Summary Judgment dockets also known as "Foreclosure Fridays"
- 4) Trial dockets

We had been allowing for other types of motions to be set at the docket soundings. However, with the new notice I am forwarding, you will notice that motions are now being required to be heard in advance of the docket sounding dates (with the exception of the MSJ). We are still modifying the process as we go along but it appears that what we have developed is working. We are showing a clearance rate of 306% for the month of August with 2,505 dispositions. Many disposition are being filed after the DS notice is received and before the actual DS date. Suggestions of Bankruptcy are also being filed once the DS notice is received because they previously forgot to put the court on notice. Just one suggestion on bankruptcy cases: You may want to check these against PACERs because it appears that once the stay is placed on the case there does not seem to be a real urgency by the attorneys to let the court know that the stay should be lifted.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can assist you with. Thank you – Nancy

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike [<mailto:BRIDENML@fjud13.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 3:18 PM  
**To:** Callanan, Richard; Aloia, Nancy K  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Trial List Notice/Case Management Conf

Rick/Nancy,

When do you think you could send me a copy of your trial notice?

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*Michael L. Bridenback*

Court Administrator

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Plaintiff,  
VS.

CASE NO.:

Defendants.

**ORDER SETTING CASE FOR DOCKET SOUNDING**

THE COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION DETERMINES THIS CAUSE IS AT ISSUE  
AND READY TO BE SET FOR TRIAL.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED

1. Docket Sounding.

The Court has set a docket sounding before the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

**If this case is appropriate for a Motion for Summary Judgment, either party may Notice the Summary Judgment to be heard at the Docket Sounding.** Otherwise, the day and time certain for the start of trial will be determined at docket sounding. The parties will receive at least 30 days advance notice of the trial date. A motion to continue can be heard by the Court at docket sounding. No other motions will be heard. All trial attorneys are to be present for docket sounding. **If trial attorneys are not available for the Docket Sounding, an attorney with full authority to make binding decisions must be present.** Any request for continuance of Docket sounding must be made timely, by motion, and set for hearing at a time prior to the scheduled date of the Docket Sounding. Failure of an attorney or pro-se litigant to attend the Docket Sounding will subject the attorney and/or litigant to sanction as outlined in paragraph 13, as well as potentially having the case set for trial.

2. Exchange of Expert & Lay Witnesses. If a trial date is set at docket sounding, counsel for the plaintiff shall submit to opposing counsel the names and addresses of **all** plaintiff(s) witnesses within 5 days following the date of the docket sounding. Within 10 days following the date of the docket sounding, the defense counsel shall submit to opposing counsel the names and addresses of **all** defense witnesses. The witness list shall contain a plain and concise statement regarding the subject matter of the witnesses testimony. No party shall be permitted to call any witness not so disclosed, without prior permission of the Court, or written stipulation executed by all parties.

3. Meeting before Trial. The attorneys for all parties, or the party themselves if they are representing themselves (pro se), are directed to meet together by agreement, initiated by counsel for the plaintiff, no later than 7 days before the trial to:

- a. Mark all exhibits for identification and prepare a chronological exhibit list for use by clerk and the Court at trial (actual exhibits and documentation evidence shall be available for inspection at this time). Any exhibits not so marked will not be admissible absent a stipulation of all parties.
- b. Agree to admit or not admit evidence and list specific objections, if any.

- c. Stipulate as to any matter of fact and law about which there is no issue to avoid unnecessary proof, i.e., chain of custody or records custodian.
  - d. Review all depositions which are to be offered for any purpose other than impeachment to resolve objections to the portions to be offered in evidence.
  - e. Discuss the possibility of settlement.
  - f. Submit an itemized statement of special damages plaintiff expects to prove.
  - g. Discuss and complete any other matters which may simplify the issues or aid in the speedy disposition of this action.
4. **Motions.** All **motions in limine**, shall be in writing, filed and served prior to trial. They will be heard the morning of the first day of trial.
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  8. **Exhibits.** All composite exhibits shall be satisfactorily bound to avoid the loss and disintegration of component parts of pages before presentation to the Court. Exhibits to be introduced which are larger than an 8 2 x 11" sheet of paper may be used at trial, but if practicable, same shall be reduced to 8 2 x 11", and the reduced size copy shall be the exhibit retained by the clerk in the court file. The oversized exhibits so reduced shall be returned to counsel, or the pro se litigant, at the close of the trial.
  9. **Witnesses.** The parties shall assure the availability of their witnesses for the trial or to otherwise preserve their testimony for trial as provided by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court is not inclined to allow a witness to testify @out of order", over objection, or to take a recess or adjust its schedule for the convenience of such a witness.
  10. **Motions and Stipulations for Continuances.** This Court adheres strictly to Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(c) and Rule of Civil Procedure 1.460. Accordingly, motions for continuance and stipulations must be in writing and set forth:
    - a. The signature of the party as well as the attorney.
    - b. A concise statement of the reasons for a continuance. If based on non-availability of a witness, a showing of when it is believed the witness will be available must be stated.

Any stipulation must be approved by the Court and must be heard at least ten (10) days prior to the date of trial, unless otherwise permitted by the Court. No motion will be heard that is not in compliance with this order.

11. Settlement. Counsel, or the pro se litigant, shall immediately notify this Court in the event of settlement and submit a stipulation for an order of dismissal and a final disposition form.

12. Notice. Please review this order to see that it was sent to all proper persons at proper addresses.

13. Sanctions. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Order may subject the party and/or attorney to appropriate sanctions, including the award of attorneys' fees, fines, striking of pleadings, and/or dismissal of the case.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Judge

Copies furnished to:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judicial Assistant

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Ken Kellum, Court Operations Manager whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**

# Lee Co. Foreclosures: Docket Sounding Report Run: 8/24/10 at 11am

Date	Judge/ Magistrate	DS: # of cases	Result:		Result:	
			# DS Cont.	%	# Trials set	%
<b>July</b>						
7/19/10	Judge Starnes	22				
7/19/10	Judge Thompson	64				
7/20/10	Judge Thompson	13	7			
7/21/10	Judge Starnes	32	38		1	
7/22/10	Judge Starnes	52	11			
7/23/10	Judge McIver	56	8		1	
7/26/10	Judge Starnes	80	28			
7/27/10	Judge Starnes	82	43			
7/29/10	Judge Starnes	44	13			
7/30/10	Judge Starnes	77	15			
<b>July Totals</b>		<b>522</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Aug.</b>						
8/9/10	Judge Starnes	127	66			
8/10/10	Judge Starnes	108	62			
8/10/10	Magistrate Diamond	102	86			
8/11/10	Judge McIver	124	67		1	
8/11/10	Magistrate Diamond	95	67			
8/12/10	Judge McIver	123	76			
8/12/10	Magistrate Diamond	100	74			
8/13/10	Judge Starnes	143	79			
8/17/10	Magistrate Diamond	105	73		1	
8/18/10	Magistrate Diamond	98	39			
8/19/10	Magistrate Diamond	128	94		1	
8/24/10	Magistrate Diamond	119	72			
8/24/10	Judge Thompson	159	95			
8/25/10	Magistrate Diamond	123	78		1	
8/31/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	100	67			
8/31/10	Magistrate Diamond	108	100		7	
<b>August Totals</b>		<b>1862</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Sept.</b>						
9/1/10	Magistrate Diamond	124				
9/1/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	116				
9/2/10	Magistrate Diamond	159				

9/2/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	63			
9/7/10	Judge Starnes	185			
9/7/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	130			
9/8/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	118			
9/13/10	Judge Starnes	156			
9/14/10	Judge Starnes	175			
9/14/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	120			
9/15/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	120			
9/16/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	57			
9/17/10	Judge Thompson	159			
9/21/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	119			
9/22/10	Judge Thompson	150			
9/22/10	Magistrate Diamond	164			
9/22/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	119			
9/23/10	Judge Thompson	163			
9/23/10	Magistrate Diamond	170			
9/23/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	59			
9/24/10	Magistrate Diamond	152			
9/27/10	Magistrate Diamond	131			
9/28/10	Judge Thompson	158			
9/28/10	Magistrate Diamond	139			
9/28/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	120			
9/29/10	Judge Thompson	159			
9/29/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	120			
9/30/10	Judge Thompson	166			
9/30/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	123			
	<b>September Totals</b>	<b>3,894</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>October</b>					
10/5/10	Magistrate Diamond	129			
10/5/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	126			
10/6/10	Judge Starnes	152			
10/6/10	Magistrate Diamond	124			
10/6/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	120			
10/7/10	Judge Starnes	202			
10/7/10	Magistrate Diamond	67			
10/7/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	150			
10/12/10	Magistrate Diamond	59			
10/12/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	127			
10/13/10	Judge Thompson	200			
10/13/10	Magistrate Diamond	130			
10/13/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	120			
10/14/10	Judge Starnes	159			

10/14/10	Magistrate Diamond	150			
10/14/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	61			
10/19/10	Magistrate Diamond	122			
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10/20/10	Magistrate Diamond	132			
10/20/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	126			
10/21/10	Judge Starnes	152			
10/21/10	Magistrate Diamond	123			
10/21/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	61			
10/26/10	Judge Thompson	158			
10/26/10	Magistrate Diamond	130			
10/26/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	120			
10/27/10	Judge Thompson	158			
10/27/10	Magistrate Diamond	119			
10/27/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	122			
10/28/10	Judge Thompson	178			
10/28/10	Magistrate Diamond	120			
10/28/10	Magistrate Hawthorne	62			
	<b>October Totals</b>	<b>4,101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# Supreme Court of Florida

500 South Duval Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1925

CHARLES T. CANADY  
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BARBARA J. PARIENTE  
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JORGE LABARGA  
JAMES E. C. PERRY  
JUSTICES

THOMAS D. HALL  
CLERK OF COURT

KEVIN WHITE  
ACTING MARSHAL

November 17, 2010

Mr. Sam Morley  
General Counsel  
The Florida Press Association  
336 East College Avenue, Suite 203  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Mr. Talbot D'Alemberte  
Mr. Larry Schwartztol  
Mr. Randall Marshall  
Mr. James Parker Rhea  
Mr. C. Patrick Roberts  
Mr. Gil Thelen  
Mr. James Denton

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of November 12, 2010, regarding public access to Florida foreclosure proceedings. As you know, judicial ethics rules prohibit me from intervening in actual legal disputes pending or likely to be filed in lower courts, including the possible future litigation you mentioned with regard to an incident in Duval County.

But Canon 3C(3) of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct expressly says that “[a] judge with supervisory authority for the judicial performance of other judges shall take reasonable measures to assure . . . the proper performance of their other judicial responsibilities.” Under the Florida Constitution, article V, section 2(b), I

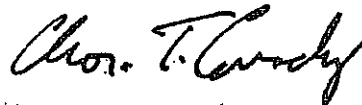
Mr. Sam Morley, et al.  
November 17, 2010  
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am the chief administrative officer of the state courts system. I write you solely in that capacity.

The courts of Florida belong to the people of Florida. The people of Florida are entitled to know what takes place in the courts of this state. No crisis justifies the administrative suspension of the strong legal presumption that state court proceedings are open to the public.

Today I have sent to the chief judges of Florida's twenty judicial circuits a supervisory memorandum—a copy of which is enclosed—setting forth my administrative directive on this matter. Under that directive, the chief judges shall ensure that the judges they supervise and the staff who report to those judges, as well as bailiffs and employees of the clerks of court, are not violating the rights of Floridians by improperly closing judicial proceedings to the public. The chief judges shall promptly exercise their administrative and supervisory authority to countermand closures or impediments to access that are inconsistent with Florida law.

Sincerely,



Charles T. Canady

CTC/ps

Enclosure



Tallahassee, FL 32399-1900  
(850) 488-1824

## Albury, Janice

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2010 8:04 AM  
**To:** Albury, Janice  
**Subject:** Fw: Fwd: sr. judge web-based system for payment for foreclosure caseload hours

fyi

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 22 05:42:52 2010  
**Subject:** Fwd: sr. judge web-based system for payment for foreclosure caseload hours

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Charlotte Jerrett" <[jerrettc@flcourts.org](mailto:jerrettc@flcourts.org)>  
**Date:** July 21, 2010 10:59:30 PM EDT  
**To:** "Trial Court Administrators" <[TrialCourtAdministrators@flcourts.org](mailto:TrialCourtAdministrators@flcourts.org)>  
**Cc:** "Lisa Goodner" <[goodnerl@flcourts.org](mailto:goodnerl@flcourts.org)>, "Blan Teagle" <[teagleb@flcourts.org](mailto:teagleb@flcourts.org)>, "Steven Hall" <[halls@flcourts.org](mailto:halls@flcourts.org)>, "Gary Phillips" <[phillipsg@flcourts.org](mailto:phillipsg@flcourts.org)>, "Delcynth Schloss" <[schlossd@flcourts.org](mailto:schlossd@flcourts.org)>, "Mandy Couch" <[CouchM@flcourts.org](mailto:CouchM@flcourts.org)>  
**Subject:** sr. judge web-based system for payment for foreclosure caseload hours

Hi All -

I wanted to touch base with you on where we are at with updating the sr. judge web-based system to request payment for hours worked on foreclosure cases. The enhancements have been completed and minor corrections are being made to insure payments for this workload can be segregated from payments made from your regular sr. judge allotments.

We expect the final testing to be completed next week. I will e-mail you with another update and/or further instructions on or before Monday, August 3. Please pass this information along to staff as necessary.

Thanks for your patience and feel free to call me with any questions.  
C.

Charlotte Jerrett  
Administrative Services Division  
OSCA  
(850) 488-9922

## **Albury, Janice**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2010 6:07 PM  
**To:** Albury, Janice  
**Subject:** Sr. Judge Meeting re: Mortgage Foreclosure Project

Janice,

Today, please call all of the sr. judges who have agreed to participate and provide coverage in the mortgage foreclosure project. Tell them that Judges Barton and Arnold have called a meeting on Monday, June 28, 2010 @ 12:00 to discuss the project. The meeting will be held in Judge Barton's hearing room 512. If, Judge Taylor is available, let her know we will get her Barton's conference call number so she can call in.

Thanks.

## Schatzberg, Beth

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**From:** Clerk2, Meddiv  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 2:50 PM  
**To:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Subject:** RE: file request

No problem at all. J

Brenda

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**From:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 1:30 PM  
**To:** Clerk2, Meddiv  
**Subject:** RE: file request

Thank you – sorry about that!

Beth

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**From:** Clerk2, Meddiv  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 1:02 PM  
**To:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Subject:** RE: file request

Not sure where you meant for this to go, but Clerk2 is mediation.

Thanks

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**From:** Schatzberg, Beth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 12:37 PM  
**To:** Clerk2, Meddiv; Greno, Linda  
**Subject:** file request

Linda-

Do we have a contact person in the clerk's office to get files?

Thanks!  
Beth

**Moreno,Elisa**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Friday, November 19, 2010 2:17 PM  
**To:** Hickmon,Angelina; Moreno,Elisa; Valdes,Ryan; Gammage,Trillany; Sequeira, Maria; Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** Chief Justice Memo to Chief Judges re: Mortgage Foreclosures  
**Attachments:** Memo to Chief Judges re Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings.pdf

Attached for your review is a copy of a Memo from the Chief Justice to all Chief Judges regarding Mortgage foreclosure Proceedings.

Thank you.

## Moreno,Elisa

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2010 9:33 AM  
**To:** Hickmon,Angelina; Moreno,Elisa; Gammage,Trillany; Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** FW: 13th Circuit Foreclosure Stats.xlsx  
**Attachments:** 13th Circuit Foreclosure Stats.xlsx

Good morning,

Pursuant to my email request below, please send me the November, 2010, data spreadsheet. As requested, I need to forward November's data on to the Office of The States Court Administrator (OSCA) today.

Thank you.

**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2010 3:45 PM  
**To:** Hickmon,Angelina; Moreno,Elisa; Gammage,Trillany; Schatzberg,Beth  
**Subject:** FW: 13th Circuit Foreclosure Stats.xlsx

Case Managers,

Pursuant to a request made by the Office of the States Court Administrator in Tallahassee, you will need to start tracking hearings scheduled and hearings canceled data for the next two (2) months. The information that you need to capture is contained and limited to the data requested in the attached spreadsheet. As you can see the data collection is only for one week in November and December, 2010. Please take a minute to review the attached and note the weeks in the month you will gather data.

Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated.

**From:** Albury, Janice  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2010 12:06 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** 13th Circuit Foreclosure Stats.xlsx

## Wells, Tracy

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:29 AM  
**To:** Wells, Tracy  
**Subject:** RE: FORECLOSURES

Come on over!! I'm getting ready to lock myself in to work on a letter for MLB's signature.

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**From:** Wells, Tracy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:26 AM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** FORECLOSURES

Rick,

When you get some time today, I really would appreciate it if you could give me an update on what's going on in Foreclosures. Let me know when you have time and I will stop by.

T.

**Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Charlotte Jerrett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 10:53 AM  
**To:** Trial Court Administrators  
**Cc:** Heather Thuotte-Pierson; Kristine Slayden; Dorothy Wilson  
**Subject:** Economic Recovery Foreclosure Funds

Hi All,

The question has arisen about whether or not these funds can be run through the county budget so that FTE's can be established and benefits can be paid to employees. The intent of the legislature is that we administer these funds with temporary resources. Since we have to file a budget amendment for approval of this plan, I do not believe we would be successful with the strategy of contracting with the county and using these resources to pay for employees with benefits. In order to contract with the county, we would need a G/A category to make the payments and stipulate conditions for reporting. If you are planning on proceeding in this manner, please let me know as the TCBC will need to address this issue during their conference call and we will need to include the new G/A category in our budget amendment request.

If you want to discuss this issue further, please give me a call directly. I don't want us to submit a plan that can't be administered or isn't workable. Thanks for your help.

C.

Charlotte Jerrett  
Administrative Services Division  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
(850) 488-9922  
(850) 488-3744 fax



**Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2010 12:18 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Issues

Since Judge Barton is not here for the remainder of the week, I am setting up a sr. judge conference call for next Monday at noon to address the issues all at one time.

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2010 10:22 AM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick  
**Subject:** Foreclosure Issues

I talked with Judge Barton and he agrees we should talk to the senior judges about what we discussed Monday.

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*Michael L. Bridenback*  
Court Administrator  
800 E. Twiggs Street, Suite 604  
Tampa, FL 33602  
p: 813.272.5894  
f: 813.301.3800  
  
[www.fjud13.org](http://www.fjud13.org)



**Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 3:48 PM  
**To:** Snavely Carla; Melendi, Rick  
**Cc:** Pride, Lisa; Gary, Angela; Healy, Donna; Wells, Tracy  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosures

I will have Tracy arrange.

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**From:** Snavely, Carla [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 3:45 PM  
**To:** Melendi, Rick; Bridenback, Mike  
**Cc:** Pride, Lisa; Gary, Angela; Healy, Donna  
**Subject:** Foreclosures

*Can we get our teams together so they can meet each other and talk a little about how everyone envisions this project? I think it would be good for everyone.*

*Carla S. Snavely*  
Chief Deputy of Court Operations  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
(813) 276-8100 Ext. 6100

## **Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 2:51 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** Foreclosure - Case Tracking System

Mike,

I placed a copy of the Definitions section of the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery – Case tracking System Instructions in your chair. Please note: Inactivity – Attorney inactivity is not defined, nor are there any examples of what qualifies as Attorney inactivity.

The Current Case Status drop down box (which contains the nine (9) data options of which Attorney inactivity is one (1) option) is defined as: captures information on the state of a case as it relates to judicial Activity. Over broad categories, it identifies whether the court is actively working to resolve a case or whether the judicial action cannot be concluded due to extenuating circumstances.

**Bridenback, Mike**

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**From:** Walt Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2010 2:23 PM  
**To:** Bridenback, Mike  
**Subject:** case management info  
**Attachments:** MEMO Guide for Targeted Case Management.doc; ORDER case management FORECLOSURE.doc

The second attached has both the order setting case management and the case management order (post-hearing). Hopefully, this helps.  
Walt

**Guide for Targeted Case Management**  
**Foreclosure Cases**  
**Judge Lee E. Haworth**  
**8-20-10 draft**

Case managers need to be familiar with the attached order setting case management conferences (CMC). There are two types of CMCs: where the case is “at issue,” and when it is not “at issue.” The appropriate block on the Order Setting Case Management Conference needs to be checked. The judge will address different matters at the PTC depending upon whether the case is at issue.

**Procedure**

1. Review the case file to determine if the case is “at issue.” Cases that are “at issue” are ready to be set for trial. Also, look for and save the mailing addresses of the parties as they appear on the most recent pleadings. You will need this later.
2. Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.440(a), defines when a case is at issue: “An action is at issue after any motions *directed to the last pleading served* have been disposed of or, if no such motions are served, **20 days** after service of the last pleading....” The “last pleading served” is typically the defendant’s answer, or plaintiff’s “reply” to an affirmative defense raised in the answer. Sometimes a defendant will have filed a counterclaim, in which instance the case is not at issue until the plaintiff has answered the counterclaim. A letter from an unrepresented defendant that addresses anything about the case, e.g., explaining why the mortgage is unpaid, or hardships, we accept as an answer.
3. If there are motions to amend pleadings, dismiss, stay proceedings, to strike pending, the case is NOT at issue. Such motions (and all pending motions) will be heard at the CMC.
4. Insert the hearing date, time, and courtroom number in the Order Setting CMC. Request the judge’s signature, then mail conformed copies of the Order Setting CMC to the parties, originals to the clerk. Maintain a list of all scheduled hearings.
5. After attorneys or litigants receive their notice of hearing, they may move for continuance of the CMCs, since the hearing was not coordinated with them. If the request comes from the plaintiff mills, the judges may decide to deny the motions on the assumption the big firms have enough lawyers to cover. Defense motions may be more problematic. Case managers should check with the judges to see if they have a policy regarding how they want to handle motions to continue CMC filed by defending parties. When the judge makes the decision, you will prepare

orders granting or denying the continuances, with copies to the parties. Orders granting a continuance of the CMC should include a new hearing date.

6. Attend the CMC. Have a calendar available with future hearings and trial dates. For each case set for CMC, have a Case Management Order in Foreclosure Case prepared and available for the Senior Judge's use. Neat handwriting is acceptable on the Orders.
7. A Case Management Order in Foreclosure Case should be completed for each case set on the CMC docket. If the judge orders a trial or another hearing, ask the judge to sign the Case Management Order in Foreclosure Case at that time, provide conformed copies to all parties in attendance at the hearing, and mail copies to any absent parties. NOTE: The Order Setting CMC requires plaintiffs to bring stamped addressed envelopes for each party.
8. Maintain a running list of hearings and cases set for trial. Let the Senior Judge know how many cases are set on his trial docket so he can determine the maximum acceptable number. NOTE: The trial date must be set at least 30+ days from date of the notice. There is no such limit on hearings, which can be set at any reasonable time.
9. If the judge requests it, attend trials and have appropriate orders or judgment on hand for the judge to sign. If you don't have the required order, check with the civil judges' JAs, then with Kim Miller to get the forms you need. See that the orders are signed and conformed copies sent to all parties.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR SARASOTA, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Plaintiff,

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION

vs.

CASE NO.:

Defendant(s).

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**ORDER SETTING CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND ALL PENDING  
MOTIONS FOR HEARING IN FORECLOSURE CASE**

**CASE NOT AT ISSUE.** The case is NOT at issue as motions directed to the last pleading have been filed but not disposed. Pursuant to Rule 1.200, Fla. Rules Civ. P. (2010), this action is set for case management conference. Counsel shall appear with calendars and be prepared to report on:

1. Pleading status;
2. Summary Judgment status;
3. Loss mitigation status;
4. Discovery status;
5. Trial status;
6. If judgment has been entered, sale status;

**AND ALL PENDING MOTIONS SHALL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME.**

**CASE AT ISSUE.** Pursuant to Rule 1.440(c), Fla. Rules Civ. P. (2010), this action is at issue, as all motions directed to the last pleading have been disposed, or at least 20 days have elapsed since the last pleading. Pursuant to Rule 1.200, Fla. Rules Civ. P. (2010), this action is set for case management conference. Counsel shall appear with calendars and be prepared to address the following issues, in addition to others set forth in the rule:

1. Set a trial date;
2. Pleading status;
3. Summary Judgment status;

4. Loss mitigation status;
5. Discovery status;

**AND ALL PENDING MOTIONS SHALL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME**

The Case Management Conference shall be heard before the presiding judge, in courtroom \_\_\_\_\_ on: **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ **A. M. /P. M.**

Lynn N. Silvertooth Judicial Center, 2002 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL,  
34237

Manatee County Judicial Center, 1051 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL,  
34205

If the party is represented, the attorney who appears must have knowledge of the case. Failure to have adequate knowledge of the case to address case status will be deemed failure to appear. Failure to appear will result in dismissal of the case. Any party seeking affirmative relief must appear. Borrowers must appear if they are not represented by an attorney and they intend to dispute the claims. Failure to appear may result in the striking of pleadings. The purpose of this hearing is to determine the status of the case and the appropriate steps to bring the case to a conclusion.

**Plaintiff shall bring stamped addressed envelopes for all parties on the service list to the Case Management Conference.**

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

***CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE***

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the foregoing Order to Transport have been furnished by U.S. Mail and/or Fax, to:

on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Foreclosure Case Manager

**A. Sarasota County**



“If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Sarasota County Jury Office, P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230-3079, (941)861-7400, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.”

**B. Manatee County**

“If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Manatee County Jury Office, P.O. Box 25400, Bradenton, Florida 34206, (941)741-4062, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.”

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR SARASOTA, MANATEE, FLORIDA

Plaintiff,

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION

vs.

CASE NO.:

Defendant(s).

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**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER IN FORECLOSURE CASE**

**THIS ACTION** was before the court for case management. **IT IS ORDERED:**

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**DONE AND ORDERED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Circuit Judge

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR SARASOTA, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Plaintiff,

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION

vs.

CASE NO.:

Defendant(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ /

**ORDER SETTING CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND ALL PENDING  
MOTIONS FOR HEARING IN FORECLOSURE CASE**

**CASE NOT AT ISSUE.** The case is NOT at issue as motions directed to the last pleading have been filed but not disposed. Pursuant to Rule 1.200, Fla. Rules Civ. P. (2010), this action is set for case management conference. Counsel shall appear with calendars and be prepared to report on:

1. Pleading status;
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5. Trial status;
6. If judgment has been entered, sale status;

**AND ALL PENDING MOTIONS SHALL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME.**

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**DONE** and **ORDERED** in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Due to: Economic Foundation  
 CPS II - 8 more magis - (6) - circuit court  
 TA & Clerk (7) City Circuit Start up: July 1, 2010  
 Junction M/F to full time (2) Sr. Judge - Circuit  
 (1) Sr. Judge - City

Sit w/ Pearson & City Circuit  
 Judges to see how  
 what to add/remove  
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Trial Court Budget Commission  
 Meeting February 2, 2010  
 Economic Recovery Proposal

Executive Committee Recommendation  
 14 months 3 locations

equivalent to 3 FTE judge  
 (2) equivalent admin  
 (Admin Sec.) assistants - OPS

Circuit	General Magistrate		Senior Judge Days	GM/Senior Judge Expense	Admin Support (GM/Senior Judge)			Case Management			Mediation Admin Support			FY 2010/11 Proposed Allocation
	OPS	Contracted Services			OPS	Contracted Services	Expense	OPS	Contracted Services	Expense	OPS	Contracted Services	Expense	
1			\$58,100	\$6,500				\$68,471		\$7,833	\$26,090		\$4,000	\$170,994
2			\$21,180	\$2,470	\$20,025			\$121,319		\$5,000				\$170,994
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18	\$159,376		\$252,000	\$12,000	\$78,270		\$11,336							\$512,982
19		\$79,688	\$66,500	\$19,715		\$52,180			\$97,815			\$26,090		\$341,988
20	\$318,752		\$84,000		\$104,360			\$156,504			\$20,360			\$683,976
Total	\$478,128	\$975,528	\$2,171,480	\$213,656	\$789,050	\$340,749	\$71,636	\$1,989,586	\$1,245,945	\$163,068	\$467,801	\$412,841	\$63,402	\$9,382,870

1. Start taking up Sr. Judges - "spread the wealth"  
 2 wto black  
 Head Motion in January show  
 incl. fees  
 Recruitment start May 1, 2010  
 Case Mgr. / Adm. Assistants  
 Prepared by OSCA, Research and Data  
 Condition of employment - training w/ 1. 1 month probation - Talk w/ See JA's

## Albury, Janice

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**From:** Melendi, Rick  
**Sent:** Friday, November 19, 2010 12:28 PM  
**To:** [mnassief@hcsotampa.fl.us](mailto:mnassief@hcsotampa.fl.us); [csomella@hcsotampa.fl.us](mailto:csomella@hcsotampa.fl.us); [sgibson@hcsotampa.fl.us](mailto:sgibson@hcsotampa.fl.us); [jlivings@hcsotampa.fl.us](mailto:jlivings@hcsotampa.fl.us)  
**Cc:** Williams, Judy; Arnold, James; Albury, Janice  
**Subject:** FW: Amended Trial weeks

Please note the change in the three (3) weeks (January 31, 2011, March 7, 2011 and March 14, 2011), Section I will conduct hearings in CR 501. Please disregard my earlier email.

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Marilyn,

Please be advised that starting the week of November 29, 2010 to June 30, 2011, Section I – Mortgage Foreclosure hearings will be conducted in CR 500. The only exception will be the weeks of January 31, 2011, March 7, 2011 and March 14, 2011. During those three (3) weeks, Section I will conduct its hearings in CR 501 (Arnold).

As a result of Judges' Silver and Levens agreeing to split CR 502, and the overlap of a few of their trial weeks, below in red is the courtroom number that Judge Silver will occupy during his trial weeks starting from December 13, 2010 thru April 18, 2011.

If you should have any questions, please give me a call.

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**From:** Openchowski, Sasha  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:49 AM  
**To:** Greno, Linda  
**Subject:** Trial weeks

Hi Linda,

Judge Barton requested that I send you Judge Silver's upcoming trial weeks. The trial weeks are as follows:

Week of 11/15/10  
Week of 12/13/10 – CR 502  
Week of 1/10/11 – CR 502  
Week of 1/31/11 - CR 500  
Week of 3/7/11 and 3/14/11 - CR 500  
Week of 4/11/11 and 4/18/11 - CR 502

Sasha,

Please send me Judge Silver's trial dockets for May & June, 2011, as soon as you have those dates set.

Thank you.

I will let you know when we post additional trial weeks 😊

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