

**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Greg S. Parker  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 1:42 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** Re: Foreclosure Case Management

Set up a meeting. Blues. Dec 10 and 11  
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**To:** Greg S. Parker  
**Cc:** Ronna M. Cobble  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 17 11:38:22 2010  
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Judge Parker,

We have hired Ronna Cobble as our Foreclosure Case Manager, and she is ready to get started sending some notices and getting some cases moving. Have you had a chance to look back at the things we discussed at lunch in Jasper? Would you like for Ronna and me to meet with you as a follow-up to finalize the direction you want her to take on your cases?

And.... When is the Blues and Barbecue Festival again?

Sondra

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2010 9:51 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: ECONRECOV: Submission of FERCTS Workbooks for Sep 10, 2010

The papers for Dixie county...on those you had completed, you had written "OK". What does that mean? Are they active and there is no action to record in Fercts now or does it mean something else? Should we (Lori and I) look up each of those with "OK" and update???

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**To:** Ronna M. Cobble  
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I have my BlackBerry so I can email, but thanks for thinking of my finger.

For the purposes of FERCTS, a case is closed for court action once the final judgment is entered so the system is doing it correctly.

Stay-bankruptcy is for once the bankruptcy is approved. Check the suggestion to see if the approv is attached.

Just email if you need me today.

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**From:** Laura Rush <RushL@flcourts.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2010 3:18 PM  
**To:** Trial Court Administrators  
**Cc:** 'Berghorn, Robin'; Kearson, Linda  
**Subject:** ACLU Public Records Request - clarifications

All,

I spoke with ACLU attorney Larry Schwartztol yesterday afternoon. Following are the clarifications we discussed:

**1. Time frame from January 1, 2009 to the present:**

ACLU's interest in pre-July 1, 2010, records is narrowly focused on those records specifically relating to any specialized foreclosure divisions or special foreclosure courts that were established prior to the \$6 million appropriation becoming available this past July to process the foreclosure case backlog. ACLU is not interested in any records relating to non-specialized foreclosure courts.

Therefore, ACLU is looking for pre-July 1, 2010, records only as to those circuits that had specialized foreclosure divisions or special foreclosure courts before July 1, 2010. If a circuit had a specialized foreclosure division or special foreclosure court prior to July 1, 2010, ACLU's request encompasses those records relating to the planning and establishment of the specialized division or court. If a circuit did not have a specialized foreclosure division or foreclosure court prior to July 1, 2010, it need not produce records prior to July 1, 2010, in response to any of the six requests listed in the Oct. 19 letter.

**2. Request items #2 and #4.**

ACLU will send out revised, clarified records requests for items #2 and #4. With respect to individual case records that could be responsive to item #2, Mr. Schwartztol indicated there were some individual case records ACLU will want to have encompassed within the request, but he will clarify that point in writing. There was no indication that ACLU is looking for individual case records in response to item #1.

**3. Definition of "clerks" in Item #2.**

The term "clerks" should be broadly interpreted to include any type of clerk, including clerk of court, law clerk, or a clerical position, assigned to a specialized foreclosure division, section or case management unit.

**4. Task Force or Managed Mediation Program records**

ACLU is not interested in records relating to the task force or managed mediation programs. Their request is directed strictly to records relating to the adjudicatory process.

Hope this is helpful. If I missed anything, or you would like me to pursue further clarification, please let me know. I anticipate talking with Mr. Schwartztol again.

Sincerely,  
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David W. Fina  
Chief Judge

Sondra Lanier  
Court Administrator

November 9, 2010

Rachel Goodman  
American Civil Liberties Union  
125 Broad Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10024

Dear Ms. Goodman,

We are in receipt of your public records request dated October 19, 2010 and directed to Chief Judge David W. Fina. We will comply with your request, but it is my understanding that an amended request will be forthcoming. Once the amended request is received, we will estimate the cost for the records and contact you regarding the same. If I have misunderstood about the amended request, please notify me as soon as possible so that I may respond accordingly.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance. My e-mail address is [lanier.sondra@jud3.flcourts.org](mailto:lanier.sondra@jud3.flcourts.org), and my telephone number is 386-362-1017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sondra Lanier".

Sondra Lanier  
Trial Court Administrator

In response to your public records request dated October 19, 2010, I am providing the following:

- (1) All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Third Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of proceedings related to foreclosure cases, including but not limited to administrative orders, memoranda, correspondences, and minutes of meetings.**

The Third Judicial Circuit has not established a separate division or section to handle foreclosure cases. The cases are heard by the judge assigned to the circuit civil division in each of the counties in the circuit.

The Third Judicial Circuit employs one temporary case manager who reviews cases and takes steps to ensure that cases are continuing to move through the system or are dismissed when appropriate, so there is no case management unit in the circuit. The case review process has been developed through conversations with the Trial Court Administrator and the judges who hear foreclosure cases, but there are no written policies or procedures. The process is based on rules 1.420(e), 1.070(j), and 1.200(c) of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. A copy of each of these rules is provided for your information.

- (2) All records of the judicial branch relating to the rules, procedures, and practices established to manage, adjudicate or dispose of foreclosure cases in the Third Judicial Circuit.**

There are no rules, procedures, or practices regarding foreclosure cases that are specific to the Third Judicial Circuit. The cases are adjudicated and disposed in the same manner as all other civil cases, as mandated by Florida Statutes and the Florida Rules of Court.

- (3) All records of the judicial branch indicating the names, job titles, and responsibilities of all judges, senior judges, magistrates, and clerks assigned to preside in any division, section, or case management unit within the Third Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.**

Senior judges and magistrates are not assigned to preside over foreclosure cases in the Third Judicial Circuit. The only employee specifically designated to deal with foreclosure cases is the temporary case manager, Ronna Cobble. Her responsibilities were outlined in our response to question 1.

The judges assigned to the civil divisions where foreclosures are heard are Judge Paul S. Bryan (40% of Columbia County), Judge Leandra G. Johnson (40% of Columbia County), Judge Julian E. Collins (20% of Columbia County), Judge Frederick L. Koberlein (Dixie County), Judge Greg Parker (Hamilton and Madison Counties), Judge Darren K. Jackson (Lafayette County), Judge David W. Fina (Suwannee County), and Judge James Roy Bean (Taylor County).

- (4) All records of the judicial branch relating to the training of general magistrates or senior judges to preside over foreclosure cases. This request includes, but is not limited to, and manuals or other training materials provided to general magistrates or senior judges assigned to preside over foreclosure cases.**

General magistrates and senior judges are not used to preside over foreclosure cases in the Third Judicial Circuit.

- (5) All records of the judicial branch relating to the rules governing public access to civil proceedings in the Third Judicial Circuit, including but not limited to public access to proceedings in foreclosure cases.**

Foreclosure proceedings in the Third Judicial Circuit are open in accordance with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

- (6) All records of the judicial branch containing data maintained in the Case Tracking System for submission to the Office of State Court Administration, as provided in the State Courts System FY 2010-2011 Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding Plan. This data includes, but is not limited to, clearance rates, the number of cases disposed, the percent of backlogged cases, and the average age of target cases. This request encompasses each tracking workbook provided to the Office of State Court Administration from June 30, 2010 until the present.**

The requested workbooks are provided with this response.





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October 19, 2010

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Dear Chief Judge Fina:

The following is a formal request for public records pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration Rule 2.420 (2010) and Article I, § 24(a) of the Florida Constitution. We hereby request copies of public records dating from January 1, 2009 until the present that contain the information enumerated below.

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“Records of the judicial branch” is defined, under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(b)(1), to mean all records, regardless of physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business by any judicial branch entity.

Please provide this information on a CD-ROM or in an electronic format. Where electronic records cannot be provided, please supply instead paper copies of all responsive documents. Please direct all records to:

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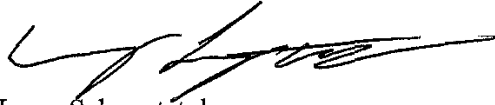
If you believe that an exemption applies to any portion of the records requested, Florida Rule of Judicial Procedure 2.420(i)(2) requires you to state in writing the reasons for your conclusion that the record is exempt. Please also state the basis for any alleged exemptions with specificity as to the reasons for your assertions and excise or delete from the records only that portion of the record for which an exemption is being asserted and validly applies.

Please note that Rule 2.420(i) requires that your response to this request be reasonable. We therefore request that you produce these records within 20 days from the date of this request.

The American Civil Liberties Union is a non-profit organization, and the disclosure of the data requested in this letter is pursuant to the public interest. Therefore, we request that your compliance with this request be provided free of charge. However, if you are unable to do so, and if the fee will exceed \$100.00, please contact us before the charges are incurred.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Rachel Goodman at (212) 549-2588 or [rgoodman@aclu.org](mailto:rgoodman@aclu.org).

Sincerely,



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I spoke with John about Judge Fina's inability to access web mail Thursday as well. He is unsure why Judge Fina couldn't access his mail, as he was accessing it from home using the same interface. Stay tuned on that one... ☺

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**From:** Lisa L. Butler  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 02, 2010 4:41 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** FW: OPS Court Program Specialist I  
**Attachments:** Cobble.PDF; image001.gif

This was just FYI, but I am going to send her an updated message saying Tuesday was her first day not Monday.

*Lisa Butler*  
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105 North Ohio Avenue  
Live Oak, Florida 32064  
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**From:** Lisa L. Butler  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 02, 2010 4:39 PM  
**To:** 'pikea@flcourts.org'  
**Subject:** OPS Court Program Specialist I

Amy,

Please find attached paperwork for our new hire, Ronna Jones Cobble. Ronna started Monday as the Third Circuit's OPS Court Program Manager I for foreclosure cases.

Please let me know if you need anything further. Thank you.

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**From:** Candice T. Herring  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 3:27 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** Foreclosure Cases

Good afternoon and I hope all is well your way. Judge Collins wanted me to check in with you on the status of what we're supposed to do regarding those cases. I know you told me to hold off until you worked on something. So I'm checking in.

Thanks,  
*Candice T. Herring*  
Judicial Assistant

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**From:** David W. Fina  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 2:44 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Emergency Duty Judge Protocol

Anytime today and we can discuss user support.

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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2010 12:24 PM  
**To:** David W. Fina  
**Subject:** Emergency Duty Judge Protocol

Judge Fina,

I took the notes you had made on my draft and took another stab at the memo. I have attached a copy for your review.

Please let me know when you want to get back together about this and foreclosure case management. I'm sorry that I have been rescheduling so much on you. I keep having things come up that require my attention and take me away from the projects I'm working on. It should get better when we are able to hire a foreclosure person.

Sondra

## Sondra M. Lanier

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**From:** Kristine Slayden <slayden@flcourts.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 1:57 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** FW: Foreclosure Reporting

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**From:** P.J. Stockdale  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 2:54 PM  
**To:** Kristine Slayden  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Reporting

Sondra,

These are excellent questions. I will try to answer as best I can. I'll start by saying that this data collection mechanism was developed to cover as many circumstances throughout the state as possible. However, every circuit is different in their case mix and in how they handle different circumstances. Some of the options or status' provided in the FERCTS workbooks may not apply to your circuit. Please don't feel that you have to use every option just because it is there.

- My understanding was that we were supposed to change cases to "active" once they were reviewed by a case manager. I see that "Inactivity – Mediation/Settlement negotiations" is a case status. If we have reviewed a case, see that mediation is scheduled, and mark it for a later review, I have viewed that as "active" for our purposes. Is that correct? If so, under what circumstances would we use that inactivity code?
  - In general, the status "Active" means the court (judge and staff) is working to move the case to resolution, i.e. scheduling hearing, writing letters, etc. The purpose of the "Inactive" categories are to identify periods where a case, while technically still requiring court action, could not move forward because of reasons outside of the courts control (or at least, outside of the initiatives control). It is our understanding that there are some cases that are required to go to mediation. However, once in the mediation process, there is nothing more for the court to do until the mediation process runs its course which could take weeks or months, we're told. In these instances, you would want to place a case in "Inactive – mediation" status to indicate that an external process has taken over the case. There is no need to move a case to "Active" if all you do is check to see if it is still in mediation. You want to change the status to "Active" when the foreclosure initiative staff again begins to actively manage the case.
- If there is "attorney inactivity" or "insufficient pleadings or documentation", we are sending notices of intent to dismiss or scheduling case management conferences. I see those cases as "active" once we start taking action on them. Is that correct? If so, under what circumstances would we use those activity codes? Also, should we enter notes about the actions we have taken under "Case comments" or just wait until there is a status

change? My understanding of case comments was that we were to use that space to explain when cases were stalled for an extended period of time and no action is being taken.

- Yes, I would see those as “Active” also since you are taking steps to resolve the case one way or another. You would only want to use the “attorney inactivity” or “insufficient pleadings or documentation” when the case was stalled for these reasons and there was nothing the court could do about it. In your first example, the court was doing something about it, sending a notice of dismissal or case conference. We are told that there are times when cases are legitimate delayed for circumstances that fit into these categories
  
- If a final judgment has been entered but the property hasn’t been sold, it usually shows as pending. Under those circumstances should we check “Close for court action”? What if there are orders cancelling sales, etc.?
  - Once the final judgment is rendered, the court, in theory, has no more responsibility for the property. The clerk will handle moving the case from final judgment to sale. Because the actions required at this point are very different from the courts actions, the clerks have their own reporting mechanism. Regardless of how the clerk considers the case, the case is considered disposed for the courts purposes and should be reported as disposed by the clerk via SRS.
  - Reopens are a little more complicated. A reopen event (with the \$50 fee) puts the case back in the courts ballpark. The judgment or ruling that disposes of the reopen motion puts the case back in the clerks ballpark. The FERCTS is trying to capture significant reopen events that put the responsibility for moving the case to sale back in the court’s ballpark for a period of time. We aren’t trying to capture every single reopen event, that would be too much work. Ideally, we’d like to capture the last reopen event that occurred (or is occurring) before your monthly submission to the OSCA. So if a case is reopened on Sep 3, we’d like to see that included with your Sep 10 submission.
  - In practice, I wouldn’t worry too much about multiple quick reopen actions with a short turnaround time, say a day or two ,such as most Motions to Cancel Sale (except for the last one).
  - Within the FERCTS workbook, the “Closed for Court Action” check box and the “Date Closed for Court Action” field are automatically filled out by the program whenever you enter a date in the “Date of Disposition” or “Date Reopen Closed” fields. You are right in assuming that these fields indicate when a case has moved out of the courts area of responsibility. You can manually override these “Closed” program values if you need to but you should only need to in very rare circumstances.

Hope this helps, Please feel free to email me again if you have any questions.

PJ

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**From:** Kristine Slayden  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 1:22 PM  
**To:** P.J. Stockdale  
**Subject:** FW: Foreclosure Reporting

Please review and let me know your response. Thanks. Kris

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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier [mailto:lanier.sondra@jud3.flcourts.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 12:30 PM  
**To:** Kristine Slayden  
**Cc:** Lori A. McKee  
**Subject:** Foreclosure Reporting

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Sorry. I just want to be sure that we are reporting properly.

Sondra

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**From:** Darren K. Jackson  
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2010 2:31 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** Foreclosure Survey

Did you get my survey on the foreclosure cases? On the few that my need a conference or case management do you want me to wait or proceed? DJ

**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Donna D. Moore  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 1:24 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** Foreclosure  
**Attachments:** Foreclosurerpt.docx; image001.jpg

Please see attached for information regarding foreclosure cases.

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Darren K. Jackson  
Lafayette County Judge  
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**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Debbie J. Saunders  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 11:04 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Notes from August Judges' Meeting

Glad you finger and the kids are doing good.

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*Debbie Saunders, Judicial Assistant to  
Honorable Paul S. Bryan, Circuit Judge  
173 NE Hernando Avenue  
Lake City, FL 32055  
Phone: 386-758-2147; Fax: 386-758-2151*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 11:01  
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**Subject:** Notes from August Judges' Meeting

Good morning. Following are some notes from the August Judges' Meeting that was held in Madison on Friday, August 13.

- Junaid Savani and Jackie-Jo Brinson started at the beginning of the month as law clerks, and their office is in Suwannee County. Sara Hall did a great job as a law clerk intern for the summer and is now going back to college. Crystal Ecker, Sara Hall, and Debbie DeNike have been working diligently to address the backlog of post-conviction motions, and we look forward to great things from our current staff as well.

Vacancies currently being advertised include a temporary case manager and secretary to work on the foreclosure case management project. These positions were funded through a special appropriation for this specific purpose, and although we are advertising for both, we expect to hire only one person. We are advertising for both positions to give us more options when making a hiring decision. We are also advertising for a user support analyst to replace Jacob Bell, and for a family court case manager to replace Jill Hoblick. The case manager will handle Taylor and Dixie Counties, as well as Judge Collins' portion of the Columbia County caseload.

- Judge Bryan reported on the recent Trial Budget Commission meeting and provided an update on the present status of our state courts' budget. Foreclosure filing fees continue to be the primary single source of funding for the courts. Our salary budget is stable, in large part due to the controls (i.e. waiting periods for filling vacant positions) that are remaining in place for the current fiscal year.
- Judge Fina reported on the recent Chief Judges' meeting. He emphasized the importance of foreclosure case management and backlog reduction, along with the legislative implications of this project. Judge Fina also discussed some pay and benefits issues, and judges can call him for more information on that subject. The

legislature is requiring a report, by judge, regarding the number of cases disposed during the current year. We will be working with the clerks to ensure that these numbers are as accurate as possible.

- Sondra has been meeting with judges and clerks to determine how to best handle foreclosure case management in each of the counties. Because we received funding for positions under this initiative and the clerks only received expense money, we are doing whatever we can to minimize the additional workload on clerks' staff. The courts are required to eliminate 62% of our backlog, and our success will be measured based on the number of cases on which no additional court action is required. The clerks will be measured on sales and issuance of certificates of title.
- Protocol for duty judge was discussed, and Judge Fina will be sending a memo to all of the agencies that may need a judge on the weekend. The memo will explain the protocol and ask that the agency heads share the memo with all of their staff/officers who may need to know about it. Weekly reminders will then be sent to clerks and dispatch for each of the sheriff's departments, and they can serve as the point of contact when an emergency judge is needed.
- Judges are asked to provide dates for every Thursday on which they are available for the dinner with the clerks at Judge Fina's house.
- During the meeting, a couple of legal questions arose. Debbie DeNike researched those issues, and her summary is provided below for your information. If a more formal memo is required, I can ask her to prepare that for distribution:

**Electronic signatures** - In *Haire v. Fla. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services*, 870 So.2d 774 (Fla. 2004), the Supreme Court affirmed the 4<sup>th</sup> DCA's holding that when a judge issuing a warrant directs the use of an electronic signature, it is clear that the judge is attesting to the act of issuing the warrant and that the use of the electronic signature is "within the discretion of the issuing magistrate". In so holding, the Supreme Court stated that reasoning was consistent with the general rule that absent a statute or rule prescribing the method of a signature, a signature may be validly affixed in a variety of ways. This is also consistent with §688.004, Fla.Stat. (2003), which states: "[u]nless otherwise prohibited by law, an electronic signature may be used to sign a writing and shall have the same force and effect as a written signature" and the Rules of Judicial Administration, Rule 2.515.

**Court seal** - As to the use of the court seal on search warrants, §933.07, Fla.Stat. does not require affixing of a seal. Further, in *Johnson v. State of Florida*, 339 So.2d 667 (Fla. 2<sup>nd</sup> DCA 1976), the court stated the failure of the judge to affix a seal or the name of her office to the search warrant pursuant to s. 933.07, Fla.Stat. (1973), did not vitiate the warrants validity.

- Since the meeting, we have scheduled a retirement ceremony and reception for Judge Slaughter and the Court Christmas Luncheon.

**Thursday, December 9 from 4:00 until 6:00** – Judge Slaughter's retirement ceremony reception at the Suwannee County Courthouse

**Friday, December 17** – Christmas luncheon for judges and Court Staff – Details to be announced soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information on any of these subjects.

Sondra

**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** David W. Fina  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 8:08 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Judicial College

Thanks.  
Let me know when it's set.  
Don't forget the evaluations, minutes and foreclosure forms

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

**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 9:37 PM  
**To:** David W. Fina  
**Subject:** Re: Judicial College

The calendar I checked was OSCA's. The site for Phase 1 is TBA.

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**From:** David W. Fina  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Cc:** Millicent A. Schneider  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 23 17:11:53 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Judicial College

It should be @ OSCA?

**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 1:50 PM  
**To:** David W. Fina  
**Cc:** Millicent A. Schneider  
**Subject:** Judicial College

Judge Fina,

Phase I of the Judicial College is scheduled for January 2-7. The second phase isn't on the court calendar yet.

Sondra

## Sondra M. Lanier

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**From:** Barbara Dawicke <BDawicke@pbcgov.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 10:52 AM  
**To:** Trial Court Administrators  
**Subject:** Foreclosure questions

Dear All:

If possible, please help me out with the following questions by responding by this Wednesday or Thursday (August 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>):

1. When a summary judgment is entered by the Court, it takes approximately how long before the information is docketed by the clerk?
2. In your circuit, is there a delay with the clerk holding the sales of the foreclosed properties? If so, what is that lag time?
3. In your circuit, what is the time of sale to issuance of certificate of title?
4. In your circuit, is there a lag time with the docketing of other foreclosure documents (other than summary judgments) and if so, approximately how long does it take the docket to reflect the filing?
5. What is the standard docket time for a newly filed foreclosure filing?

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**From:** Pat Perry <pperry@columbiaclerk.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 10:03 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Backlog Reporting

Lots of reporting categories; total backlog, dismissals, CT's issued, # of sales, # of sales cancelled, etc. I just don't want to duplicate reports. Thanks,

*Patricia A. Perry*  
*Chief Deputy*  
*Columbia County Clerk of Courts*  
*P. O. Box 2069*  
*Lake City, FL 32056*  
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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier [mailto:lanier.sondra@jud3.flcourts.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 9:48 AM  
**To:** Pat Perry  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Backlog Reporting

We have to report the status, disposition type and date, when the case is closed for court action (final judgment/order), when post-judgments are disposed/closed, and comments about why a case isn't moving. Is that what you are reporting? We aren't doing anything with certificates and sales. My understanding was that those were the clerks' measurements. Did you learn anything interesting on Friday?

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**From:** Pat Perry [mailto:pperry@columbiaclerk.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 8:34 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** Foreclosure Backlog Reporting

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**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Darren K. Jackson  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2010 11:11 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosures

Lo! you are always welcome in Mayo. I gave the list to the clerks and asked them to pull the cases but told them no hurry as I will not be able to get to it until after Tuesday.

Darren K. Jackson  
Lafayette County Judge

**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Lori A. McKee  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2010 8:16 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Also...

Good Morning,

I will work on scheduling the meeting and the notebook before you come in.

I hope you have a great day! ☺

Lori McKee  
Administrative Assistant III  
Third Judicial Circuit Court  
105 North Ohio Avenue  
Live Oak, Florida 32064  
386-362-2010

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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2010 7:47 PM  
**To:** Lori A. McKee  
**Subject:** Also...

Please schedule me with Judge Parker to talk about foreclosures soon. I will be meeting my princess at the school on Monday for her first day. Other than that, everything is on my calendar.

Sondra



**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Lisa L. Butler  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2010 3:16 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** FW: Updates

Ok, I see this one. This must be it but I don't remember working on it. Are you sure it wasn't Lori? So call Frank Davis and see if we can do it there right?

*Lisa Butler*  
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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 11:16 AM  
**To:** Barb Lussier; Bonnie S. Page; Brenda P. Pryce; Carrina M. Cooper; Charna E. Raines; Crystal M. Ecker; D. Judd Walden; Debbie A. DeNike; Debbie L. Copeland; Dianna W. Peeler; Duane L. Bestoso; Jana D. Sullivan; Janice M. Howard; Jennifer R. Kuyrkendall; John Lake; Judy S. Eichar; Kathleen M. Brackney; Laurie A. Chaffin; Lisa L. Butler; Lori A. McKee; Lynn Sapp; Nancy T. Blanton; Rosalind Merrick; Sandy A. Ring; Tracy Brantley  
**Subject:** Updates

Good morning. I just wanted to provide a quick update on a few staffing issues.

- Roz Merrick is moving into the Lake City office that was Judy Eichar's.
- When the new law clerks start, Jackie Jo will share an office in Lake City with Debbie and Junaid will be in the Suwannee County Courthouse.
- June Byers will start as mediator on August 16, and her office will be in the Live Oak annex.
- The OPS foreclosure case manager position still remains open, and the related secretary position has not been advertised. When hired, foreclosure staff will also be in the Live Oak annex.
- We have not yet advertised the family case manager position formerly held by Jill Hoblick, but we expect to do so soon. That position will be responsible for 1/3 of the Columbia County caseload, so the person hired will work in the Lake City office.

Our next staff luncheon will be held on September 2, and the place will be announced later. There will not be a staff meeting in conjunction with this luncheon. Its only purpose is to be an early Labor Day celebration in honor of all of our hardworking employees. Thanks for all that you do.

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**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Lori A. McKee  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2010 8:19 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** Columbia Foreclosure List by Judge

I just wanted to let you know that I have not received the list from Pat Perry.....I wasn't sure if it was something you needed right away.

Lori McKee  
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386-362-2010

**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Lori A. McKee  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2010 8:38 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** FW: Columbia Foreclosure cases  
**Attachments:** Judge.xls

Here you go!!  
Let me know if I can help with any of this.

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**From:** Pat Perry [mailto:pperry@columbiaclerk.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2010 8:28 AM  
**To:** Lori A. McKee  
**Subject:** FW: Columbia Foreclosure cases

*Patricia A. Perry  
Chief Deputy  
Columbia County Clerk of Courts  
P. O. Box 2069  
Lake City, FL 32056  
386.758.1350*

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**From:** Bryan Hetrick [mailto:bhetrick@flclerks.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2010 2:22 PM  
**To:** 'Pat Perry'  
**Subject:** RE: Columbia Foreclosure cases

Patricia,

Here is another list that actual shows the information you provided and the Civil Judge Code. If you need any additional assistance, please contact myself or the Service Center.

Thank-you and have a great day,

Bryan Hetrick  
Application Support Analyst  
Florida Association of Court Clerks  
Phone (850) 414-2210 Fax (850) 921-0988

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**From:** Pat Perry [mailto:pperry@columbiaclerk.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2010 10:34 AM  
**To:** support@ficlerks.com  
**Subject:** Columbia Foreclosure cases

Attached is the list of foreclosure cases that was compiled by your office for our county. Please let me know if you can group these cases by the judge assigned to each one. Thanks in advance for your help!

*Patricia A. Perry  
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Columbia County Clerk of Courts  
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**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Leandra G. Johnson  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2010 1:46 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier; Julian E. Collins; Paul S. Bryan  
**Subject:** RE: i was wrong...

That makes my 80% goal look even better!

LGJ

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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2010 1:45 PM  
**To:** collins.julian@jud3.flcourts.org; Leandra G. Johnson; Paul S. Bryan  
**Subject:** i was wrong...

Our required reduction in foreclosures is 62%, not 64%.

Sondra

## Sondra M. Lanier

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**From:** Leandra G. Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 12, 2010 11:40 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting

Look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 12, 2010 11:20 AM  
**To:** Leandra G. Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting

Great. I look forward to seeing you there.

I am scheduled to meet with you tomorrow morning, and I have asked Judge Bryan and Judge Collins to join us. Since we have not been able to find anyone for the foreclosure case management position, I have added those duties to my list at the moment. I am looking for guidance on how you want us to proceed on the cases assigned to you. I have not been able to review all of the Columbia cases yet, but I do have some information about a sample of the cases and what is happening in some of the other counties. You, Judge Bryan, and Judge Collins may not want everything handled the same way, but I thought it would be helpful to discuss it together. I will see you then!

Sondra

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**From:** Leandra G. Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 12, 2010 11:15 AM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting

I plan on attending.

Leandra Johnson  
Circuit Judge

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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2010 8:35 PM  
**To:** Paul S. Bryan; James R. Bean; Donna K. Jones; Pam K. Ring; Donna D. Moore; E. Vernon Douglas; Linda H. Morgan; Leandra G. Johnson; Marcie A. Kemp; Candice T. Herring; H. Wetzel Blair; Julian E. Collins; Diane B. Hlers; Debbie J. Saunders; Heather J. Norris; Sonny Scaff; Debra P. Sadler; Tom Coleman; Greg Parker; Joyce Cameron; Sybil C. Powell; David W. Fina; Darren K. Jackson; William R. Slaughter; Jean Pittman; Millicent A. Schneider; Frederick L. Koberlein; Melanie Vaughn  
**Cc:** Lisa L. Butler; Lori A. McKee  
**Subject:** Meeting

This message is to confirm that the Judges' Meeting will be held in Madison at 4:00 on Friday afternoon. The meeting will be in the hearing room on the 2nd floor. An agenda will be sent tomorrow. Please let me know if you will be able to attend, and we will look forward to seeing you there.

Sondra

**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Sondra Lanier <slw08@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2010 9:40 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** Foreclosures  
**Attachments:** Foreclosure Case Management.docx



## Sondra M. Lanier

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**From:** Kristine Slayden <slaydenk@flcourts.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 09, 2010 3:34 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Project

Absolutely. It is within the Chief Judge's discretion to focus on whatever he wants. No need to enter any new cases in the tracking system. Kris

Kris Slayden  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sondra M. Lanier [mailto:lanier.sondra@jud3.flcourts.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 09, 2010 3:31 PM  
**To:** Kristine Slayden  
**Subject:** Re: Foreclosure Project

We aren't using either so we can just focus on the ones outstanding as of June 30 for now?

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

**From:** Kristine Slayden <slaydenk@flcourts.org>  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 09 14:11:39 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Project

Any new case that is assigned to the project, using senior judges or general magistrates. Does that make sense? Kris

Kris Slayden

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From: Sondra M. Lanier [mailto:lanier.sondra@jud3.flcourts.org]  
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 1:18 PM  
To: Kristine Slayden  
Subject: Foreclosure Project

Hi Kris,

I'm admittedly a little slow on this, but can you please tell me which new cases we are supposed to add? Since we are working on "backlog", are we really supposed to add a case as soon as it's filed?

Sondra

## **Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** Lori A. McKee  
**Sent:** Monday, August 09, 2010 3:29 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Case Management Meeting

Yes it is.

John and Duane just left and mine is coming up and running correctly (at this time).

Lori McKee  
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105 North Ohio Avenue  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Monday, August 09, 2010 3:28 PM  
**To:** Lori A. McKee  
**Subject:** Re: Foreclosure Case Management Meeting

Is the case management system working now?

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

**From:** Lori A. McKee  
**To:** Candice T. Herring; Debbie J. Saunders; Diane B. Hiers  
**Cc:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 09 14:28:35 2010  
**Subject:** Foreclosure Case Management Meeting

This is to confirm that the Foreclosure Case Management meeting will be held on August 13, 2010 at 11:00 in Judge Johnson's Hearing Room.

Have a great day !

Lori McKee

Administrative Assistant III

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**Sondra M. Lanier**

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## Sondra M. Lanier

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**From:** Kristine Slayden <slaydenk@flcourts.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 09, 2010 2:12 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Project

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## Sondra M. Lanier

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**From:** Kristine Slayden <slaydenk@flcourts.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 06, 2010 2:53 PM  
**To:** Trial Court Chief Judges; Trial Court Administrators  
**Cc:** Lisa Goodner; Judge John Laurent; Judge Margaret O. Steinbeck; P.J. Stockdale; Arlene Johnson; Charlotte Jerrett  
**Subject:** Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative  
**Attachments:** 62% Estimated RPFM Backlog.pdf

Chief Judges and Trial Court Administrators – As mentioned at the JAC meeting in Marco Island, the OSCA plans to provide you with monthly feedback on your progress in achieving the 62% backlog reduction goal. As a reminder, I have attached the target backlog reduction statistics for the foreclosure and economic recovery initiative. We have received a number of inquiries from judges requesting these statistics. You may want to forward the attachment to those judges who are directly working on the initiative.

We plan to send you the following two reports monthly so that you can monitor the statistics that we get in Tallahassee:

- 1) As data comes in from the clerks of court on their SRS reports of filings and dispositions, we will provide you with your circuit's progress in reducing the backlog by 62%. We will send the first report out to you on August 30<sup>th</sup> and then monthly from then on.
- 2) As data comes in from court administration on the status of the cases from the tracking system, we will provide you with analysis of the status and age of cases currently being handled as part of the initiative. We will send the first report out to you on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and then monthly from then on.

These monthly statistics will be provided to you only for internal use and will not be released externally without prior approval. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. Kris

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**Sondra M. Lanier**

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**From:** John Kendron <jjk@rkkattorneys.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 05, 2010 3:51 PM  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Subject:** RE: Administrative Orders for Foreclosures

Thank you.

John J. Kendron

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**From:** Sondra M. Lanier [mailto:lanier.sondra@jud3.flcourts.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 05, 2010 2:45 PM  
**To:** John Kendron  
**Subject:** Re: Administrative Orders for Foreclosures

It is available on our website, [www.jud3.flcourts.org](http://www.jud3.flcourts.org)

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

**From:** John Kendron <jjk@rkkattorneys.com>  
**To:** Sondra M. Lanier  
**Sent:** Thu Aug 05 14:13:58 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Administrative Orders for Foreclosures

Sondra,



I am again at my RPPTL meeting and the Committee is asking me for a status on the 3rd Circuits administrative order on foreclosures. I told them I would check and get back to them. The state list is located here: <http://www.rpptl.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=161>

I hope all is well. Thank you,

John J. Kendron

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From: Sondra L. Williams [<mailto:williams.sondra@jud3.flcourts.org>]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010 1:15 PM  
To: John Kendron  
Cc: Lisa L. Butler; Nancy T. Blanton  
Subject: RE: Administrative Orders for Foreclosures

Hi John,

We have a proposed order, but Judge Fina asked us to compare it to orders from other circuits before he signs it. We requested those yesterday, and the response has been that most circuits do not yet have a signed order. We anticipate a signed order soon, and by copy of this e-mail I'm asking that you be included on the distribution list when the order is signed.

Sondra Williams  
Trial Court Administrator  
Third Judicial Circuit  
386-362-1021

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From: John Kendron [mailto:jjk@rkkattorneys.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010 12:59 PM  
To: Sondra L. Williams  
Subject: Administrative Orders for Foreclosures

Mrs. Williams,

I am the RPPTL (Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar) Circuit Representative for the Third Circuit. The Bar has asked each circuit representative to obtain copies of all current administrative orders that pertain to Mortgage Foreclosures within their circuit. In attempting to obtain this information, we have done the following:

1. Contacted Belinda Scippio who forwarded us to Pat Perry;
2. Contacted Pat Perry who gave us your number

Prior to calling I double checked the 3rd Circuit Website - but there are no orders listed that pertain to Mortgage Foreclosures. I believe the Bar is requesting this information in response to the Florida Order requiring that mediation be included in the court's Foreclosure process - and then to make sure everything was on par, has in addition requested ALL admin orders that pertain to the Mortgage Foreclosure process in the Third Circuit.

Please confirm that you are the right person to provide this information; and if so, please let me know what I need to do to obtain copies of these orders, if any. I have been asked to get these by the end of the week.

Thank you,

John J. Kendron

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**Jenn C. Lussier**

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**From:** Ronna M. Cobble  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 8:25 AM  
**To:** Julian E. Collins  
**Subject:** RE: Jan. 24 hrg.

Are you there , Judge?? Please call me. I can't get your office on the phone right now.

*Ronna Cobble*  
Foreclosure Case Manager  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
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**From:** Julian E. Collins  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 8:10 AM  
**To:** Ronna M. Cobble  
**Subject:** RE: Jan. 24 hrg.

Thanks for the schedule. I signed all the orders last night and assume Candice will get them out—or wherever—today. JEC

Julian Collins

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**From:** Ronna M. Cobble  
**Sent:** Monday, January 03, 2011 11:43 AM  
**To:** Candice T. Herring; Julian E. Collins  
**Subject:** Jan. 24 hrg.

This is the case management schedule as it stands right now. I sense that some changes may be coming. If so, I will of course send you an updated list.  
I have printed this out to have available on date for the Judge and Bailiff.

Thanks.

*Ronna Cobble*  
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**Attachments:** Judge Collins CM Hearings 1-24-11 schedule.xls

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Judge Collins  
Case Management Hearings  
January 24, 2011  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Parties</u>	<u>Attorney/Firm</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
9:00 a.m.	09-156	BAC Home Loans V. David Paschal	Stern	
	09-447	BAC Home Loans V. Kathleen Atkins		
	09-558	GMAC V. Blue Flores aka Blue Marie Lints		
	09-837	Flagstar V. David Mulligan		
	09-852	Bank of New York V. Estate of Joyce Helen Ryals		
	10-33	BAC Home Loans V. Louis P. Ortega		
	10-42	BAC Home Loans V. Steven Puttere		
	10-57	BAC Home Loans V. Andrew Allen Guinn		
	10-105	BAC Home Loans V. Dino A. Dobbins		
	10-108	Bank of America V. Monroe C. Thomas		
	10-123	Citimortgage V. Jonathan B. Blake		
	10-210	Aurora Loan Services V. DKT and Associates		
	10-231	BAC Home Loans V. Timothy Darby		

<u>Time</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Parties</u>	<u>Attorney/Firm</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
	10-249	Wachovia Bank V. John H. Stanford		
	10-252	Bank of America V. Robert Carney		
	10-360	BAC Home Loans V. Bobbie Dyal Lanham		
	10-429	Citimortgage V. Robert N. Noonan		
9:30 a.m.	08-43	Deutsche Bank V. Luis Fernando Silva	M. C. Watson	
	09-153	Chase Home Bank V. Eduardo Armas		
	09-741	GMAC V. Brian Tucker		
	09-825	Suntrust Mortgage V. Aleasha Parker		
	10-36	Aurora Loans V. David J. Linton		
	10-186	BAC Home Loans V. Martha Espinoza		
	10-189	U S Bank V. Daniel Cortez		
	10-369	Aurora Loans V. William Yarian		



<u>Time</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Parties</u>	<u>Attorney/Firm</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
	10-411	Bank of America V. Shane E. Biancaniello		
	09-531	GMAC V. Donald Roof		
	09-813	U S Bank V. Gayle Boudreau		
	10-156	Deutsche Bank V. Alicia Rodriguez		
	10-261	U S Bank V. Donna L. Jones		
	10-363	U S Bank V. Cecile Howard		
	10-378	Wells Fargo Bank V. Charles A. Newcomb		
10:00 a.m.	10-354	Suntrust V. Michael Johnson	Ben-Ezra & Katz	
	10-372	Mercantile Bank V. Kimberly L. Pertee		
	08-497	Bank of New York V. Phillip Marteney		
	08-713	Yale Mortgage V. Cassandra Cray	Gerson Law	
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	10-342	Flagstar V. Michael Rowell	Greenfield & Coomber	
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**From:** Julian E. Collins  
**Sent:** Monday, January 03, 2011 6:48 AM  
**To:** Ronna M. Cobble  
**Subject:** RE: Jan. 24 case mgmt. schedule

I will try to call you on Tuesday. I am off today but came in early to crank out a few things. Belated Happy New Year! JEC

Julian Collins

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**From:** Ronna M. Cobble  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2010 2:54 PM  
**To:** Julian E. Collins  
**Subject:** Jan. 24 case mgmt. schedule

When you get a minute, Judge, would you please call me. I want to ask you about cases being scheduled for Jan. 24.

*Ronna Cobble*  
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386-364-8150 (cell)

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**To:** Julian E. Collins  
**Subject:** The Florida Bar January 1st CLE E-newsletter



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Course Classification: Advanced Level

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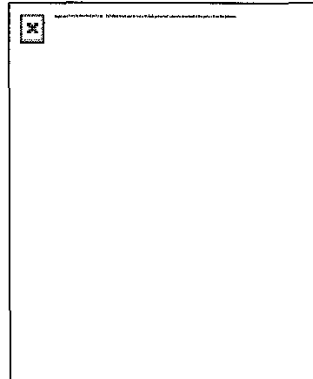
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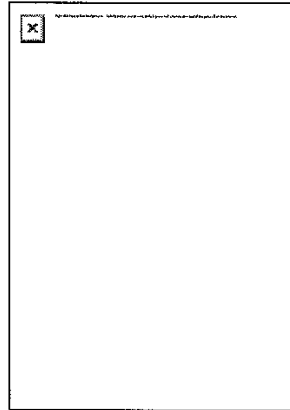
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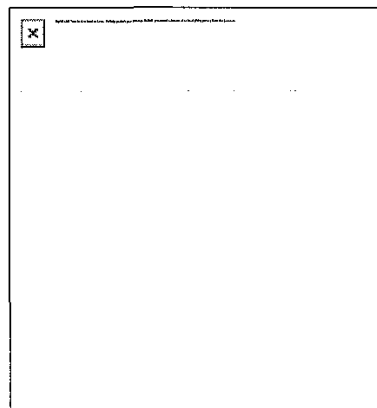
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Course Classification: Intermediate Level  
Live Presentation and Webcast: January 28, 2011 - Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, Orlando, FL

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**From:** Ronna M. Cobble  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** Julian E. Collins; Candice T. Herring  
**Subject:** Hearing dates/Court room

For the dates of Jan. 24 and March 15- if we are indeed using the Telecourt system, might I suggest open court in the courtroom as we did last time. Having said that, could someone please confirm that a courtroom is reserved for those dates and times.

Thanks.

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**From:** Ronna M. Cobble  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2011 10:53 AM  
**To:** Julian E. Collins  
**Subject:** Approval of new language

It has come to my attention that there is a need to include in all notices (status conference and lack of prosecution) the instruction for parties wishing to appear by phone to register with telecourt. That will save so much time and confusion as calls are fielded by different persons who may be giving different instructions to case parties. In conjunction with language offered by Judge Koberlein, may I request that the following language be added to any subsequent notices sent out by the "Foreclosure Department" in order to reflect the necessity of registering with tele-court.

**All parties shall appear. Appearance may be in person or by telephone. Persons wishing to appear by phone should register with Tele-Court by logging on at [www.tele-court.com](http://www.tele-court.com) or by calling 1-800-924-5680. Any party failing to appear may be defaulted or may have their case dismissed.**

Unfortunately, this particular idea did not occur to me until yesterday so it was not included in the notices sent out for your Jan. 24 hearings. Please reiterate to Candice that we want all phone participants referred to the above.

Thanks.

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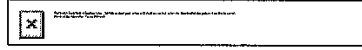


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**Subject:** case mgmt hearings : ?

Case 08-713. CCIS shows counsel as Gerson Law. Weitz & Schwartz called today to say they had been given the case but there has been no official substitution of counsel. Can the appear teleph. for this cm hearing without formal motions to w/d and substitute counsel??? What do you make of that?

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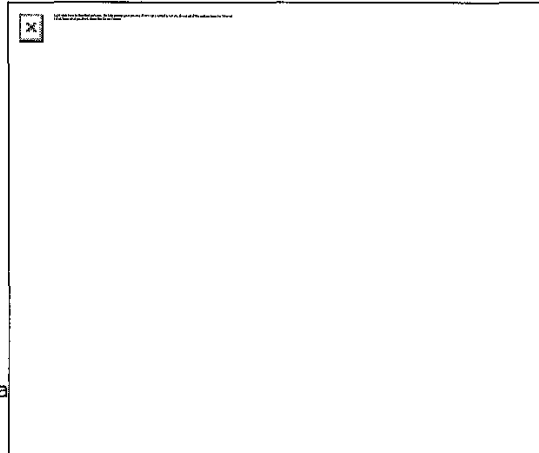
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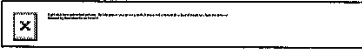
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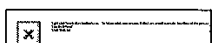
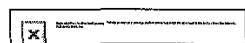
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**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2010 4:35 PM  
**To:** Candice T. Herring; Darren K. Jackson; David W. Fina; Debbie J. Saunders; Debra P. Sadler; Diane B. Hiers; Donna D. Moore; Donna K. Jones; E. Vernon Douglas; Frederick L. Koberlein; Greg Parker; Heather J. Norris; James R. Bean; Jean Pittman; Joyce Cameron; Julian E. Collins; Leandra G. Johnson; Linda H. Morgan; Marcie A. Kemp; Melanie A. Vaughn; Millicent A. Schneider; Pam K. Ring; Paul S. Bryan; Sonny Scaff; Sybil C. Powell; Tom Coleman; William R. Slaughter  
**Cc:** Debbie A. DeNike; Carrina M. Cooper  
**Subject:** Notes from Judges' Meeting

Good afternoon. Following are notes from today's judges' meeting (with a few additional pieces of information).

### Court Administration Update

- Jackie Jo Brinson and Junaid Savani, two of our law clerks, presented information about WestLaw Next. Jackie Jo demonstrated some of the features of the new program and advised that Debbie DeNike is working to bring some training to the circuit. Judge Fina asked that the training be on the day of a future judges' meeting for the convenience of those who choose to participate.
- Sondra advised that in the past 6 months the law clerks have reduced the backlog of post-conviction motions from 501 to 297. They expect that all motions filed prior to 2009 will be completed by the end of this year. A backlog has existed for several years, and the situation was aggravated by turnover and hiring freezes. Debbie DeNike and the law clerks have done a wonderful job of organizing and prioritizing the cases so that the backlog continues to be reduced.
- Staff positions are being filled, and court administration expects to be back up to full staff by the end of the year. An updated employee directory has not been produced because of staff turnover and vacancies, but a new one will be published and distributed in early 2011.

### Judge Case Count Reporting Requirement

- The clerks of court are supposed to be cleaning up the data in CCIS so that the case count by judge report will be as accurate as possible when it is presented to the Legislature. Some of the clerks have been in contact with the judges in their counties about this, but access to this information through CCIS will not be available to judges and court administration until December 1. At that time, we should be able to access the "appropriations" report through CCIS. Court administration staff will review the data and work with each judge to address whatever issues may exist. This is the data that will be used to prepare the alternative report by division to be prepared and submitted by the court administrator. Staff should be able to look at reopened cases and determine how many were VOP's so that those proceedings will be properly accounted for, and we will work with each judge to determine the other factors that need to be considered in order to present the most accurate picture of workload in each county/division.

### E-Portal Update

- A memo regarding the recently established ePortal Interlocal Authority was provided to the judges. The Florida E-Filing Authority is the public body that will own the new Statewide E-Filing Court Records Portal through which attorneys and litigants will be able to file pleadings. The portal is to be up and running by January 1, 2011. The

e-filing plans for probate court in all of the counties in our circuit have been approved. Taylor County recently submitted an application for most of the other divisions in their county, and we expect the other counties to submit a coordinated plan for their other divisions soon. Additional equipment and training will be provided before the judges are expected to begin using the system.

#### Courtroom Space

- Judge Fina reminded everyone that when you are scheduling a hearing in a courthouse other than where you are primarily assigned, please remind your JA's to notify courthouse security in advance. Also, please remember to coordinate with the local judges as well to be sure that courtroom space is available.

#### Mortgage Foreclosure Case Management Issues

- Because of a "disparity in judicial philosophies" regarding mortgage foreclosure case management, Judge Fina advised the judges to work with Ronna Cobble in Court Administration to manage their cases as they see fit. Judge Fina described how he handled his first foreclosure case management docket, and he asked other judges to share their experiences after their hearings as well. Although there was no consensus on a circuit-wide form, Ronna has examples of notices/orders that other judges in our circuit have used.

#### Duty Judge Protocol

- Judge Fina discussed the duty judge protocol again and asked for input regarding whether the protocol should be continued. The consensus was that it should be continued. Judge Fina emphasized the importance of judges being available when they are the duty judge, including answering their cell phones when called and being in proximity to the technology necessary for them to receive, sign, and return emergency petitions, search warrants, etc. Also, Judge Fina asked that judges be sure their JA's are familiar with the protocol and follow it appropriately.

#### County Funding

- The judges reviewed the options available to address the issue of counties not paying their portion of the technology and/or facilities budgets for the courts. (For more information, please contact Judge Fina.) There will be a 15-minute meeting prior to the Christmas luncheon to follow up on this.

#### Judicial Assignments for July

- There will be a Chief Judge election in February, and judicial assignments will be made accordingly.

#### Court Calendar

- Once again, Judge Fina reminded judges of the importance of reviewing the draft master calendar when it is sent out for comments. If you have concerns, including scheduling around certain holidays, etc., those should be addressed with Carrina at that time rather than after the calendar has been finalized.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** December – There will be a 15-minute meeting prior to the Christmas luncheon at Melody Christian Center.

January – We will invite our legislative delegation to attend this meeting, which will be held in Live Oak. Lin Williams' investiture may be held after lunch on the same day, but this has not been confirmed.

February – The meeting will be held in Hamilton County in February.

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