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Section 48.27 covers this optional method of appointing certified process servers circuit-wide. The additional burden on the court system of administering such a system is probably why it has never been done here. Additionally, the same type of appointment system is available on a county by county basis for each of the Sheriffs in the circuit (48.021(2)). I would think that if we were really interested in appointing permanent process servers, we would want to carefully explore this idea with each of our Sheriffs to see if they would have any objection, or whether any of them have already appointed process servers in their counties. I don't think our Alachua County Sheriff has done so. There may be good reasons for not wanting to do this, or at least reasons to consider before doing so. I don't know if our local Sheriffs want or do not want the business, for example. My understanding about Broward is that the Sheriff got so inundated that process wasn't being served in a timely or efficient manner. This may not be the case in this circuit, although I've never myself hesitated to appoint when asked as long as I know that it is a trustworthy outfit. I agree with Bob that a ton of these orders come through the civil division and it would facilitate things to have the trustworthy one or two process servers that are typically appointed in these cases established as the ones to use without needing an order in every case.

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**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2010 5:16 PM  
**To:** Judge Martha Lott; Priscilla Holloway; Ted McFetridge  
**Cc:** Kristine Slayden  
**Subject:** Foreclosures  
**Attachments:** LtrToChiefCircuitJudge1208.pdf

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CCOC Executive Director

# FLORIDA CCOC

Clerks of Court  
Operations Corporation



May 28, 2010

The Honorable Martha Ann Lott  
Eighth Judicial Circuit  
201 E. University Ave., Room 415  
Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Chief Judge Martha Ann Lott:

The Executive Council for the Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) is requesting assistance in the allocation of the \$3.6 million nonrecurring appropriation dedicated to the Clerks of Court to assist in addressing the workload associated with the foreclosure and economic recovery initiative. This assistance will be invaluable to the success of the Clerks' ability to assist the courts in clearing the outstanding backlog of foreclosure cases in 10/11.

As already requested by the TCBC, the CCOC Executive Council also ask that you meet with each of the Clerks in your circuit to collaborate on a plan to provide resources to address the foreclosure backlog. While the CCOC has determined an amount to provide in total to Clerks in your circuit, we are still seeking additional information on how to distribute these dollars among the individual Clerks. Based on a methodology approved by the CCOC, the portion of the \$3.6 million appropriation dedicated to be distributed among the Clerks in your circuit is \$41,081.04.

After your collaboration with the Clerks in your circuit we would appreciate any information and/or suggestions you could provide to help the CCOC make a decision to allocate dollars among the Clerks in your circuit. Please provide this information/suggestion either as specific dollar amount dedicated to each county or as percentage of the circuit total.

This information can be emailed to John Dew, CCOC Executive Director at [jdew@flccoc.org](mailto:jdew@flccoc.org). Given the short timeframe to implement this initiative, please provide this information to Mr. Dew by close of business on June 5, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this request, I have directed Mr. Dew to make himself available. In additional to the email address above, you can contact him at (850) 386-2223.

With appreciation,

Howard Forman  
Chair of the CCOC Executive Council

CC: John Dew

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**From:** Arlene Huszar  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:46 AM  
**To:** 'lottm@sprint.blackberry.net'  
**Cc:** Ted McFetridge  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure

Judge Griffis and I spoke this morning. I will attend his foreclosure hearings on the 18th.

--Arlene

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

**From:** lottm@sprint.blackberry.net [mailto:lottm@sprint.blackberry.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:19 PM  
**To:** Arlene Huszar  
**Cc:** Ted McFetridge  
**Subject:** Foreclosure

Arlene, watch Judge Griffis do Foreclosure on June 18 starting at 1pm. Email him to confirm your arrival.

Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device

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John Dew  
CCOC Executive Director

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**Arlene Huszar**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:37 AM  
**To:** Arlene Huszar; Judge Robert Roundtree, Jr.; Ted McFetridge; Dan Priscott  
**Cc:** Judge Martha Lott  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosures

Maybe one OPS position could provide support to all 6 counties as we are doing with the case manager, hearing officer, and senior judge days.

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--*Arlene*

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John Dew  
CCOC Executive Director

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**Arlene Huszar**

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**From:** J.K. "Buddy" Irby [jki@alachuaclerk.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:17 AM  
**To:** Judge Martha Lott  
**Cc:** Ted McFetridge  
**Subject:** Foreclosure Funds  
**Attachments:** LtrToChiefCircuitJudge1206.pdf

Attached is an example of a letter you will receive soon regarding the extra foreclosure funds the state appropriated. The Clerks are trying to distribute our portion of the funds so that we can place funding to support where needed depending on how you utilize the courts extra funds. I look forward to working with you on this so that we can be ready to go July 1st.

Regards,  
Buddy Irby

# FLORIDA CCOC

Clerks of Court  
Operations Corporation



May 28, 2010

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2560-ID2 Barrington Circle  
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The Honorable J. Thomas McGrady  
Sixth Judicial Circuit  
14250 49Th Street North  
Clearwater, FL 33762

Dear Chief Judge J. Thomas McGrady:

The Executive Council for the Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) is requesting assistance in the allocation of the \$3.6 million nonrecurring appropriation dedicated to the Clerks of Court to assist in addressing the workload associated with the foreclosure and economic recovery initiative. This assistance will be invaluable to the success of the Clerks' ability to assist the courts in clearing the outstanding backlog of foreclosure cases in 10/11.

As already requested by the TCBC, the CCOC Executive Council also ask that you meet with each of the Clerks in your circuit to collaborate on a plan to provide resources to address the foreclosure backlog. While the CCOC has determined an amount to provide in total to Clerks in your circuit, we are still seeking additional information on how to distribute these dollars among the individual Clerks. Based on a methodology approved by the CCOC, the portion of the \$3.6 million appropriation dedicated to be distributed among the Clerks in your circuit is \$224,632.33.

After your collaboration with the Clerks in your circuit we would appreciate any information and/or suggestions you could provide to help the CCOC make a decision to allocate dollars among the Clerks in your circuit. Please provide this information/suggestion either as specific dollar amount dedicated to each county or as percentage of the circuit total.

This information can be emailed to John Dew, CCOC Executive Director at [jdew@flccoc.org](mailto:jdew@flccoc.org). Given the short timeframe to implement this initiative, please provide this information to Mr. Dew by close of business on June 5, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this request, I have directed Mr. Dew to make himself available. In addition to the email address above, you can contact him at (850) 386-2223.

With appreciation,

Howard Forman  
Chair of the CCOC Executive Council

CC: John Dew

**Arlene Huszar**

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**From:** John Dew [JohnDew@ficcoc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 5:00 PM  
**To:** Judge Martha Lott; Priscilla Holloway; Ted McFetridge  
**Cc:** 'Kristine Slayden'  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosures  
Good Afternoon Judge Lott.

First I apologize if you have already sent me this information. However I have had so many e-mails maybe I just have not received it yet or you responded that you would be providing by a date certain.

I am just checking back with you on the progress concerning the earlier request for information. Would it be possible for your office to provide the information prior to 5pm on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>? We have a CCOC Executive Council meeting on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to vote on a plan for distributing budget authority for Clerks to help in the foreclosure recovery plan and need information from your office to help. We then plan on meeting with Legislative staff on the 16<sup>th</sup> to present our plan.

We appreciate your help.

Thanks,

John

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**Arlene Huszar**

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**From:** Arlene Huszar  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2010 10:26 AM  
**To:** Ted McFetridge; Jennifer Jones; Robert Folsom  
**Cc:** Judge Robert Roundtree, Jr.  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure presentation

Jennifer and I have talked about some of the issues. The biggest questions that affect Foreclosure Court are whether Foreclosure Mediation will apply to existing cases and what the time frames for the program will be. The process of getting existing cases through Foreclosure Court could be slowed substantially by referral to mediation.

--*Arlene*

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**From:** Ted McFetridge  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2010 10:17 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Jones; Robert Folsom; Arlene Huszar  
**Subject:** FW: Foreclosure presentation

I would like both (Mediation and Special Foreclosure Court) programs to become familiar with one another and let us know the opportunities and challenges for both. Please meet and share with one another your directions and thoughts.

Ted

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**Arlene Huszar**

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**From:** Judge Martha Lott  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010 4:06 PM  
**To:** Ted McFetridge  
**Subject:** RE: OPS Position Case Manager Mortgage Foreclosure

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**From:** Ted McFetridge  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010 4:00 PM  
**To:** Judge Martha Lott  
**Cc:** Jan Phillips; Arlene Huszar  
**Subject:** OPS Position Case Manager Mortgage Foreclosure

Here is the resume for the candidate of choice. Any offer would be subject to background checks.

Committee

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010 4:10 PM  
**To:** Judge Martha Lott  
**Cc:** Arlene Huszar; Jan Phillips  
**Subject:** RE: OPS Position Case Manager Mortgage Foreclosure  
OK we will make offer subject to references and background checks.

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**From:** Jan Phillips  
**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2010 3:13 PM  
**To:** Arlene Huszar; Mary Jarvis; Jennifer Jones  
**Cc:** Judge Martha Lott; Ted McFetridge; Mary Lou Gardner  
**Subject:** FW: Foreclosure Case Manager Position - Eighth Judicial Circuit

FYI. Unfortunately, Ms. Harris has declined acceptance of our offer for the Foreclosure Case Manager position. Please see response below.

Jan P.

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

**From:** Karen [mailto:karenharris3@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2010 2:18 PM  
**To:** Jan Phillips  
**Subject:** RE: Foreclosure Case Manager Position - Eighth Judicial Circuit

Ms. Phillips:

After much consideration, I feel that at this time I cannot accept the offered position. While I understood when I applied that this position was located in the Eighth Circuit, I could not tell from the job announcement where the position would be headquartered. I understood during the interview that this job would entail being in Gainesville from 8-5 during most weeks. This would mean an approximate 2 1/2 to 3 hour total daily commute for me. This is a difficult choice for me as I really feel that I would enjoy both the work and the work environment offered by this opportunity.

Again, I thank all of you for taking the time to speak with me and for the offer of employment. Best of luck to you all with the foreclosure program,

Karen Harris

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

>From: Jan Phillips <PhillipsJ@circuit8.org>  
>Sent: Jun 25, 2010 6:36 AM  
>To: Karen <karenharris3@earthlink.net>  
>Subject: RE: Foreclosure Case Manager Position - Eighth Judicial  
>Circuit  
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>Ms. Harris,  
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>That will be fine. I look forward to hearing from you.

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>Jan Phillips

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>From: Karen [mailto:karenharris3@earthlink.net]

>Sent: Thu 6/24/2010 9:03 PM

>To: Jan Phillips

>Subject: Re: Foreclosure Case Manager Position - Eighth Judicial

>Circuit

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>Ms. Phillips:

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>I apologize for not being able to return your call this afternoon. I was out and did not have my phone with me. I am very interested in the offered position, but also received a call regarding another position I interviewed for this week. I would like a little time to consider the offers, if that is possible. I would be able to give you a definite answer before 5:00 PM on Friday (tomorrow).

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>If you cannot wait for an answer from me and must make an offer to another individual, I understand completely. Either way, I very much appreciate you granting me an interview and taking the time to speak with me.

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>Thank you,

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>Karen Harris

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Jan Phillips

>Sent: Jun 24, 2010 2:31 PM

> To: karenharris3@earthlink.net  
> Subject: Foreclosure Case Manager Position - Eighth Judicial Circuit

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> Ms. Harris,  
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> I have been trying to get in touch with you. Please give me a call. We would like to offer you the Foreclosure Case Manager for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. My number is 352-337-6237. Or you can respond to me by e-mail and let me know of a good time to call you. Thanks.

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Jan Phillips, HR Manager