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Judge Lott:

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From: Judge Phyllis Rosier

Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 3:30 PM

To: Judge Stan Griffis; Judge Martha Lott; Judge Robert Roundtree, Jr.; Paul Silverman; Judge Victor Hulslander;

Judge Toby Monaco

Cc: Ted McFetridge

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Baker and Bradford want to do their own service so a special process server is needed only for out of county parties. I sign the requests and specify only out of county. Wish we did not have to appoint them at all. Paperwork is so sloppy am ashamed to put my name to it and much of the time the server files an Affidavit stating the return has been "lost". We have enough lost documents in foreclosure cases without sloppy service being added to the mix. I distrust their service on owners.

From: Judge Stan Griffis Sent: Wed 9/29/2010 4:19 PM

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I just don't want to set hearings on this issue. It will slow the cases down. We should have a policy (or admin order consistent with the statute) on this issue. I get all kinds of strange requests for process servers and usually just sign them, but don't give the \$\$\$ in the judgments. Its up to you folks, but we need to be consistent.

From: lottma@circuit8.org [mailto:lottma@circuit8.org]

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 4:02 PM

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We have been looking into it. It shifts quite a burden to court administration so it is a transfer not an avoidance. The Sheriff's in our circuit prefer to keep process service in house except when needed. The deputies have specific training and supervision. Appointed process servers come with quite a range of training and professionalism. Is there a real need for special process servers? Upon setting them for hearing in Union Co, I have learned much about the pros and cons.

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