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October 19, 2010

Chief Judge Terry D. Terrell First Judicial Circuit Court of Florida M.C. Blanchard Judicial Building 190 Governmental Center, 5th floor Pensacola, Fl. 32502

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Dear Chief Judge Terrell:

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the First 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.
- 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 First Judicial Circuit.
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Chief Judge Charles A. Francis Second Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Leon County Courthouse 301 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, Fl. 32302

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Dear Chief Judge Francis:

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- 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 Second Judicial Circuit.
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Chief Judge David W. Fina Third Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Suwannee County Courthouse 200 South Ohio Avenue, Suite 104 Live Oak, Fl. 32064

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Dear Chief Judge Fina:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
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Chief Judge Donald R. Moran Jr. Fourth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Duval County Courthouse 330 E. Bay Street Jacksonville, Fl. 32202

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- 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 Fourth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Fourth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge Daniel B. Merritt Sr. Fifth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Hernando County Courthouse 20 N. Main Street Brooksyille, Fl. 34601

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Dear Chief Judge Merritt:

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Fifth 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.
- 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 Fifth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Fifth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge J. Thomas McGrady Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Criminal Justice Center, Chamber 14 14250 49th Street North Clearwater, Fl. 33762

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Dear Chief Judge McGrady:

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Sixth 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.
- 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 Sixth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Sixth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge J. David Walsh Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Volusia County Justice Center 251 N. Ridgewood Avenue Daytona Beach, Fl. 32114

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Dear Chief Judge Walsh:

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Seventh 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.
- 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 Seventh Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Seventh Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge Martha Ann Lott Eighth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Family and Civil Justice Center 201 East University Avenue, Rm 415 Gainesville, Fl. 32601

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Dear Chief Judge Lott:

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Eighth 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.
- 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 Eighth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Eighth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge Belvin Perry Jr.
Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida
Orange County Courthouse
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Chief Judge David Langford Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida 255 N. Broadway Avenue Bartow, Fl. 33830

Dear Chief Judge Langford:

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.

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Tenth 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.
- 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 Tenth Judicial Circuit.
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- 5. All records of the judicial branch relating to the rules governing public access to civil proceedings in the Tenth Judicial Circuit, including but not limited to public access to proceedings in foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge Joel H. Brown Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center 175 N.W. 1st Avenue Miami, Fl. 33128

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Dear Chief Judge Brown:

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Chief Judge Lee E. Haworth Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Lynn N. Silvertooth Judicial Center 2002 Ringling Boulevard Sarasota, Fl. 34237

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- 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 Twelfth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Twelfth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge Manuel Menendez Jr.
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida
George Edgecomb Courthouse
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- 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 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge Hentz McClellan Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Calhoun County Courthouse 20859 East Central Avenue Blountstown, Fl. 32424

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Dear Chief Judge McClellan:

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Fourteenth 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.
- 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 Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Fourteenth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Main Judicial Complex 205 North Dixie Highway, Room: 5.2500 West Palm Beach, Fl. 33401

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Dear Chief Judge Blanc:

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Fifteenth 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.
- 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 Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Fifteenth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge Luis M. Garcia Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Key West Courthouse 302 Fleming Street Key West, Fl. 33040

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Dear Chief Judge Garcia:

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Chief Judge Victor Tobin Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Judicial Complex 201 SE. 6th Street Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33301

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- 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 Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.
- 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 Seventeenth Judicial Circuit created to manage, adjudicate, or dispose of foreclosure cases.
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Chief Judge J. Preston Silvernail Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Justice Center 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, Fl. 32940-8006

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Chief Judge Steven J. Levin Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Martin County Courthouse 100 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite A363 Stuart, Fl. 34994

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Sincerely,

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October 19, 2010

Chief Judge G. Keith Cary Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Lee County Justice Center 1700 Monroe Street Fort Myers, Fl. 33901

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Dear Chief Judge Cary:

- 1. All records of the judicial branch relating to the establishment of any division, section, or case management unit within the Twentieth 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.
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