



From: [Janet Gilbert](#) **Sent:** Wed, 13 Jan 2010 09:04:00 GMT
To: [Robin Wright](#)
CC: [Brooke Jones](#)
Subject: Meeting on Economic Default Recovery Effort

Robin, Brooke set me to meet with you Thursday morning. If you need me sooner, just let me know. Will be a Bruno this afternoon. Thanks

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From: [Heather Thuotte-Pierson](#) **Sent:** Thu, 21 Jan 2010 13:41:35 GMT

To: [Robin Wright](#); [Joseph Stelma, Jr.](#); [Mike Bridenback](#); [Carol Ortman](#); [Matthew Benefiel](#); [Mark Van Bever](#); [Mark Weinberg](#); [Nick Sudzina](#); [Walt Smith](#); [Gay Inskeep](#); [Richard Callanan](#); slonergan@jud11.flcourts.org; [David M. Trammell](#); [Thomas Genung](#); [Barbara Dawicke](#);

CC: [Judge Terrell](#); [Kristine Slayden](#); [Lisa Goodner](#); [Charlotte Jerrett](#); [Judge Belvin Perry, Jr.](#); [Judge Manuel Menendez, Jr.](#); [Judge Donald R. Moran, Jr.](#); [Judge G. Keith Cary](#); [Judge David J. Walsh](#); [Judge J. Preston Silvernall](#); [Judge Joel Brown](#); [Judge Victor Tobin](#); [Judge J. Thomas McGrady](#); [Sharon Buckingham](#); [Patty Harris](#); [Judge Daniel B. Merritt, Sr.](#); [Judge J. David Langford](#); [Theresa Westerfield](#); [Judge Lee E. Haworth](#); [Sandra Garcia](#); [Judge Steven Levin](#); [Judge Peter Blanc](#);

Subject: Economic Default Recovery Effort _ Submission Review

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TCAs-

The TCBC Executive Committee has approved to file a supplemental FY 10/11 LBR for additional non-recurring funding authority for the Economic Default Recovery Effort. In an effort to limit the number of budget amendments submitted to the Legislature if this funding is appropriated, the TCBC Executive Committee has asked for each circuit to review their submission, paying particular attention to the funding by category (OPS, contracted services, and expense) for each element. It is necessary that the dollar amounts in each category be as accurate as possible when the request for funding authority is presented to the Legislature. Therefore, if you have any revisions to your original funding plan, please use the attached spreadsheet to make these changes. The deadline for submission is Monday, January 25, 2010.

Thanks,
Heather

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Economic Default Recovery Effort

Circuit _____

General Magistrates				
OPS	Contracted Services	GM/Senior Judge Expense	Senior Judge Days @ \$350 a day	Total
				\$0.00

Case Managers			
OPS	Contracted Services	Expense	Total
			\$0.00

General Magistrate Admin Support			
OPS	Contracted Services	Expense	Total
			\$0.00

Mediation Admin Support			
OPS	Contractual Services	Expense	Total
			\$0.00



From: Sharon Buckingham **Sent:** Fri, 12 Mar 2010 10:02:36 GMT
To: Robin Wright
Subject: RE: Immediate Attention Required - Request for Information

Okay, got it. Thanks. -

From: Robin Wright [mailto:Robin.Wright@FLCOURTS1.GOV]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2010 10:25 AM
To: Sharon Buckingham
Subject: RE: Immediate Attention Required - Request for Information

Sharon,

I just got a mistake in my email to you –

Walton Co – 25%
 Santa Rosa Co. – 20%

Thanks,

Robin

From: Robin Wright
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 1:48 PM
To: 'Sharon Buckingham'; Trial Court Administrators
Cc: Kristine Slayden; Charlotte Jerrett; Theresa Westerfield; Heather Thuotte-Pierson; Patty Harris
Subject: RE: Immediate Attention Required - Request for Information

Please see below.

From: Sharon Buckingham [mailto:buckings@flcourts.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Trial Court Administrators
Cc: Kristine Slayden; Charlotte Jerrett; Theresa Westerfield; Heather Thuotte-Pierson; Patty Harris
Subject: Immediate Attention Required - Request for Information
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,
 Due to discussions this week between court leadership and the clerks regarding the Economic Recovery Funding Proposal, OSCA staff have been asked to quickly gather some additional information from the circuits as to how our economic recovery resources will be deployed circuit-wide. Court leadership would like to be able to share this information with the clerks so they can plan accordingly.

We have attached the approved LBR request for each circuit (by element and category) and also a table representing the estimated FTE equivalent of the funding request per circuit. We apologize for the short turnaround, but we will need each circuit's response by close of business this Friday, March 12th.

-Using the information contained in the FTE equivalent table, provide the amount of **magistrate/senior judge FTE's** that will be assigned in **each county** based on the expected workload from the backlogged cases. *Note: Single county circuits can ignore this question.*

Escambia County – 25% FTE
Santa Rosa County – 25% FTE
Okaloosa County – 30% FTE
Walton County – 20% FTE

-If you have multiple **magistrate/senior judge FTE's** in the proposal, what is the maximum number of courtrooms that will be scheduled at any one time in **each county**?

The maximum courtroom/chamber usage would be one at any given time in each county. Most proceedings would be held in chambers due to the lack of courtroom space,

Thank you.

*Sharon Buckingham
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This message was sent with High Importance.

From: Thomas Genung **Sent:** Fri, 12 Mar 2010 12:24:36 GMT
To: Trial Court Administrators; Sharon Buckingham;
CC: Kristine Slayden; Charlotte Jerrett; Patty Harris; Heather Thuotte-Pierson; Theresa Westerfield; Steve Levin; Kay Desoiza; Burton Conner;
Subject: RE: Immediate Attention Required - Request for Information

Sharon, please see below in blue.

Thanks.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 4:41 PM
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We have requested contractual funding equivalent to one magistrate, and funding for 190 SR judge days (approximately 4 days a week for 47.5 weeks equivalent to .73 FTE). Due to the backlog of cases as distributed throughout the circuit the needs are as follows:

- St. Lucie County: Magistrate 3 days a week (0.6 FTE), SR judge 3 days a week (0.55 FTE based upon 0.73 FTE total)
- Martin County: Magistrate 1 day a week (0.2 FTE), SR judge 1 day every other week (0.09FTE based upon 0.73 FTE total)
- Indian River County: Magistrate 1 day a week (0.2 FTE), SR judge 1 day every other week (0.09 FTE based upon 0.73 FTE total)
- Okeechobee: Magistrate 0 days a week (0.0 FTE), SR judge 0 days a week

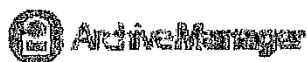
-If you have multiple **magistrate/senior judge FTE's** in the proposal, what is the maximum number of courtrooms that will be scheduled at any one time in each county?

St. Lucie County: 2 courtrooms
Martin County: 2 courtroom
Indian River County: 2 courtrooms
Okeechobee County: 0 courtrooms

Thank you.

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From: [Robin Wright](#)
To: burked@flcourts.org
CC: [Kristine Slayden](#); [Heather Thuotte-Pierson](#);
Subject: Foreclosure Economic Recovery Program

Sent: Mon, 24 May 2010 13:12:00 GMT

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Dorothy,

I am attaching an amended budgeted for the program. The Senior Judge breakdown is as follows:

- Okaloosa - 36 days
- Walton - 28 days
- Escambia - 28 days
- Santa Rosa - 14 day
- Total 106 days

Only 1 courtroom will be used at any given time.

Thanks,

Robin

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Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program (05/2010)

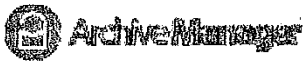
Circuit 1st amended 5/24/10

General Magistrates				
OPS	Contracted Services	GM/Senior Judge Expense	Senior Judge Days @ \$350 a day	Total
		2,700	37,100	\$39,800.00

Case Managers			
OPS	Contracted Services	Expense	Total
63,179		3,386	\$66,565.00

General Magistrate/Senior Judge Admin Support			
OPS	Contracted Services	Expense	Total
			\$0.00

Mediation Admin Support			
OPS	Contractual Services	Expense	Total
			\$0.00



From: [Judge Terrell](#) **Sent:** Mon, 28 Jun 2010 14:52:00 GMT
To: [Keri Igney](#)
CC: [Robin Wright](#)
Subject: RE: Foreclosure AO

FORECLOSURE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY AO - DRAFT - 6.28.10 REVISION.2.doc (28Kb)

Attached are some tweaks. A few sentences were broken down somewhat, and to ensure uniformity coordination through the CJ looks like the better choice.

Where does the \$ 70.00 fee come from?

The attachment's labeled the same except for the addition of .2 at the end of the "T" drive identifier.

From: Keri Igney
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 2:29 PM
To: Judge Terrell
Cc: Keri Igney; Robin Wright
Subject: Foreclosure AO

Robin and I continue to work on the AO for Division "W". The enclosed draft is the latest and greatest.

I know you wanted this entered before July 1.

I will be out of the office Thursday and Friday so I am hopeful I can help get it to finality before the end of Wednesday.

Chief Judge/Mortgage Foreclosures/Drafts/....6.28.10 revision

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IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2010-_____

IN RE: Foreclosure

***Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program;
Creation of Division "W"***

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Legislature, pursuant to a recommendation from the Supreme Court of Florida, recognizes the need to address the backlog of foreclosure actions across the State and has established the *Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program* for statewide implementation; and

WHEREAS, the First Judicial Circuit qualifies for funding under the *Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program* due to a backlog of foreclosure actions; it is,

ORDERED that:

1. In each county within the First Judicial Circuit a Division will be created to address backlogged foreclosure actions filed in the First Judicial Circuit.
2. The division created in each county to address those foreclosure actions as identified in this order shall be designated "Division W."
3. Foreclosure actions filed on or before December 31, 2009, shall be reassigned to Division "W" as of the effective date of this order.
4. Until the effective date of this order all motions for summary judgment filed in qualifying cases shall continue to be scheduled before the judge currently assigned to preside over the case to include scheduling hearings on or after July 1, 2010, to

avoid continued growth of the backlog of foreclosure actions.

5. The Clerk in each county shall propose a procedural mechanism for reassigning qualified foreclosure cases to Division "W" and shall obtain approval from the Chief Judge for implementation of that procedural mechanism. The Clerks in the First Judicial Circuit shall create the reassignment mechanism with the understanding that should funding for the *Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program* cease, the cases reassigned under this order shall, under a subsequent order, be reassigned consistent with then existing civil division structure.
6. The creation of a Division "W" in each county creates the need for judicial assignments. The judicial assignments for the First Judicial Circuit are as follows:

Escambia County Division "W"	-	Senior Judge John Parnham
Okaloosa County Division "W"	-	Senior Judge A. Keith Brace
Santa Rosa County Division "W"	-	Senior Judge John Parnham
Walton County Division "W"	-	Senior Judge A. Keith Brace
7. Court Administration of the First Judicial Circuit shall employ one-half a case manager position (supported by other court administration staff) for services to both Escambia and Santa Rosa counties and one case manager position for services to both Okaloosa and Walton counties. Every effort shall be expended to facilitate circuit-wide best practices, uniformity, communication, and coordination of case management services to Division "W".
8. This order does not amend, vacate or supersede the content and/or directives in either First Judicial Circuit Administrative Orders 2009-18 or 2010-01.
9. The judges assigned to Division "W" shall have full authority as permitted by law

to adopt case management orders and case management techniques to facilitate uniformity and coordination of processes across the First Judicial Circuit to avoid scheduling conflicts. That authority shall extend to other issues expected because of the unique challenges presented by foreclosure cases to include scheduling of cases handled by the large law firms which predominantly represent Plaintiffs in foreclosure actions.

10. Personal appearance by Plaintiff's attorney (or local counsel retained by plaintiff's attorney to appear) is required.
11. Urgent motions and orders must be hand delivered to the assigned Division "W" judge for signature when requesting cancellation of sales. The Clerk is not required to accept or deliver "urgent" or "emergency motions" when plaintiff is requesting the cancellation of a sale.
12. Payment of the required \$70.00 Foreclosure Sale Fee is required to be made at the time the Final Judgment of Foreclosure is submitted to the court for signature. The Clerk will hold the funds until the day prior to the sale.
13. Compliance with a completed checklist is required prior to setting any Final Hearing before the Court.
14. The Division "W" judge will hear any motions involving lack of prosecution in all qualifying foreclosure cases filed prior to December 31, 2009.
15. The effective date of this order is July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, unless extended.



From: [Craig Vanbrussel](#) **Sent:** Thu, 01 Jul 2010 10:10:46 GMT
To: [Janet Gilbert](#); [Keri Igney](#);
CC: [Robin Wright](#) .
Subject: RE: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program - Division "W"

Janet:

I've created the "Division W" link in the Foreclosure Section. I've placed your updated information and the AO there. Let me know if you would like to make any adjustments.

Craig Van Brussel
Chief Technology Officer
First Judicial Circuit of Florida
(850) 595-4406

From: Janet Gilbert
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 8:09 AM
To: Keri Igney; Craig VanBrussel
Cc: Robin Wright
Subject: RE: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program - Division "W"

Craig, attached is a short information piece for the Foreclosure Program. I believe Robin wants to have a separate icon under the Foreclosure section for this program with the AO and this information placed there. Thank you.

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From: Keri Igney
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 5:00 PM
To: Craig VanBrussel

Cc: Janet Gilbert; Robin Wright
Subject: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program - Division "W"

Craig:

You, as CTO, are listed on this AO for posting on the web. There is a specific idea Judge Terrell has about posting this AO on the website. Please see Robin and Janet for instructions.

Thanks!

Keri

From: Keri Igney
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 4:57 PM
To: ESC-Judges; OKA-Judges; SRA-Judges; WAL-Judges; Honorable Ernie Magaha; Honorable Mary Johnson, Clerk - SRC; Honorable Martha J. Ingle; Honorable Don Howard; Robin Wright
Cc: ESC-JA's; OKA-JA's; SRA-JA's; WAL-JA's; Lisa Bernau; Kathy Henley; Linda M. Warren; Adair Cotton; Alicia Wardlow; Brenda Sansom; Brenda VanBrussel; Brooke Jones; Cathy White; Craig VanBrussel; Janet Gilbert; Keri Igney; Marcia K. Phelps; Shelia Sims; Will Moore
Subject: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program - Division "W"

Enclosed is Administrative Order No. 2010-32, *Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program; Creation of Division "W"* entered by Judge Terrell June 30, 2010, effective July 1, 2010.

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First Judicial Circuit
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Keri.Igney@FLCourts1.gov



From: [Judge Nobles](#) **Sent:** Fri, 16 Jul 2010 12:47:00 GMT
To: [Robin Wright](#)
CC: [Judge Terrell](#)
Subject: RE: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program

Yesterday, I wrote you about the 7/1/10 changes in the law. I found the answer to my question and, as the law has changed, but we weren't notified of the change, passed the information on to Kasey.

Another question has come up regarding foreclosure cases. I went down to talk to Terry, but he wasn't in his office. Sharon Regan stopped by to set a number of attorney's fees hearings. She has thirty plus cases, in several divisions, that are all 09 or older, but already have had the final judgments entered. I assume, since a judgment has been entered, my cases will come back to me. Am I correct?

From: Robin Wright
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Faye Westholm; Glenda Calvasina; Ardye Graham; Ana Eligio; Jane Fillingim; Miriam Lane; Kimberly Eaton
Cc: Judge Geeker; Judge Rasmussen; Judge Terrell; Judge KL Williams; Judge Nobles; Judge Bell; Judge Boles; Janet Gilbert; Brooke Jones
Subject: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program

In order to set up the "W" foreclosure division for the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program, we need a list of cases that are already scheduled for hearing in your division. Please provide this list to Janet Gilbert no later than close of business on Wednesday, July 21st.

Thank you,

Robin

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From: judgeterrell@vzw.blackberry.net **Sent:** Fri, 30 Jul 2010 17:06:10 GMT
To: [Judge Terrell](#); [Lendy Davis](#);
CC: [Robin Wright](#); [Kim Davis](#); [Lisa Bernau](#);
Subject: Re: Administrative Order 2010-32 : Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program; Creation of Division "W"

Thank you. It will be reviewed expeditiously, and a response provided.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: "Lendy Davis" <ldavis@escambiaclerk.com>
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2010 17:02:55 -0500
To: 'Judge Terrell' <Judge.Terrell@FLCOURTS1.GOV>
Cc: 'Robin Wright' <Robin.Wright@FLCOURTS1.GOV>; 'Lisa Bernau' <lbernau@clerk.co.escambia.fl.us>; 'Kim Davis' <kdavis@clerk.co.escambia.fl.us>
Subject: Administrative Order 2010-32 : Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program; Creation of Division "W"

Chief Circuit Judge Terrell,

In response to **Administrative Order 2010-32 : Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program; Creation of Division "W"**, we submit for your review and approval our proposed procedural mechanism for reassigning qualified Foreclosure cases to Division W.

We also submit for your review a complete listing of open Foreclosure cases filed in Escambia on or before December 31, 2009 for which no future judicial hearing is scheduled. The cases contained in this list will be reassigned to Division "W" upon your approval.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns on our proposed procedures or case listing.

Thank you,
Lendy Davis
850-595-0171
Administrator
Honorable Ernie Lee Magaha
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller
Escambia County, Florida

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From: [Judge Terrell](#) **Sent:** Thu, 05 Aug 2010 10:22:32 GMT
To: [Lendy Davis](#)
CC: [Judge Rasmussen](#); [Robin Wright](#); [Kim Davis](#); [Lisa Bernau](#);
Subject: RE: Administrative Order 2010-32 : Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program; Creation of Division "W"

After review of the plan, it is approved.

Please note that Administrative Order 2010-37 has been entered, and Division "B" will collapse effective January 3, 2011. As a consequence, if Division "W" is disbanded June 30, 2011, then the cases remaining from Division "WB" will need to be randomly reassigned to other divisions handling civil matters. If the circuit is authorized additional judgeships in the future with one of those approved being assigned to Escambia County, Division "B" will be reactivated when the newly assigned judge takes office.

From: Lendy Davis [mailto:lfddavis@escambiaclerk.com]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 5:03 PM
To: Judge Terrell
CC: Robin Wright; 'Lisa Bernau'; 'Kim Davis'
Subject: Administrative Order 2010-32 : Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program; Creation of Division "W"

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Thank you,
Lendy Davis
 850-595-0171
 Administrator
 Honorable Ernie Lee Magaha
 Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller
 Escambia County, Florida

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From: Janet Gilbert

Sent: Fri, 06 Aug 2010 11:39:00 GMT

To: Robin Wright

Subject:

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Robin, I tried to get this to you sooner – but you know how this week has been. Let me know any recommended changes. Thanks

Janet E. Gilbert

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**FORECLOSURE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY DISPOSITION FORM
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure

_____, Plaintiff Judge: _____
 v. Case Number: _____
 _____, Defendant(s) Date: _____

Disposition	<i>{check one}</i>
Summary/Final Judgment	
Trial	
Dismissed	
Other (specify)	

Other Action	<i>{check one}</i>
Stayed - Bankruptcy	
Stayed - Pending resolution of another case	
Stayed - By agreement of parties	
Stayed - Appeal pending	
Lack of Prosecution (LOP) - Attorney Inactivity	
Rescheduled - Insufficient pleadings or documentation	
Ordered to Mediation/Awaiting Mediation Results	
Other - see comments below	

Other Information/Comments:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This form is to be sent to the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Case Manager listed below (care of Clerk's Office, Circuit Civil) to report activity on any foreclosure case filed in your division before July 1, 2010.

Escambia and Santa Rosa: Mark Lehmann (850-595-4533)
 Okaloosa and Walton: Amanda Bailey (850-689-7329)



From: Robin Wright
To: Janet Gilbert
Subject: RE:

Sent: Fri, 06 Aug 2010 13:16:42 GMT

Thanks

From: Janet Gilbert
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 1:15 PM
To: Robin Wright
Subject: RE:

No problem with us looking up the cases already heard. How about something like this:

In order for the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program to submit complete and accurate data to Tallahassee, we need your assistance with foreclosure cases filed prior to July 1, 2010. First, we will need a list of cases heard in your division from January 1, 2010 to July 30, 2010. The Case Managers will look up the dispositions of those cases. Beginning August 1, we will need you to complete the attached disposition form following each hearing, and send it to the Foreclosure Program Manager, so s/he can enter the necessary data. We appreciate your time and attention to this matter. If you have questions feel free to contact the case manager or Janet Gilbert. Thank you.

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From: Robin Wright
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 12:32 PM
To: Janet Gilbert
Subject: RE:

Looks good

Please draft me the email.

I am thinking we ask the JAs for a list of all cases their judges have heard from Jan – July – we look those up for the dispositions. Judge Terrell and Judge Rasmussen both felt the JAs would not have time to research those. I think we ask the JAs to complete the forms form August forward – what do you think?

From: Janet Gilbert
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 11:39 AM
To: Robin Wright
Subject:

Robin, I tried to get this to you sooner – but you know how this week has been. Let me know any recommended changes. Thanks

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From: Kristine Slayden **Sent:** Fri, 06 Aug 2010 13:56:47 GMT
To: Trial Court Administrators; Trial Court Chief Judges;
CC: Ariene Johnson; Lisa Goodner; Charlotte Jerrett; Judge Margaret O. Steinbeck; Judge John Laurent; P.J. Stockdale;
Subject: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Initiative

62% Estimated RPF Backlog.pdf (14Kb)

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 30th 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 30th, 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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Target Backlog Reduction
Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding
Backlog Cases
FY 2006/07 through Estimated FY 2010/11

Circuit	Estimated Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog Cases	62% of Estimated Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog Cases
1	12,960	8,035
2	4,385	2,719
3	1,325	822
4	21,523	13,344
5	19,931	12,357
6	39,394	24,424
7	21,585	13,383
8	2,575	1,597
9	50,600	31,372
10	12,979	8,047
11	87,955	54,532
12	25,557	15,845
13	38,180	23,672
14	4,634	2,873
15	63,402	39,309
16	2,671	1,656
17	57,514	35,659
18	31,052	19,252
19	20,717	12,844
20	41,005	25,423
Total	559,945	347,165



From: [Keri Igney](#)
To: [Robin Wright](#)
Subject: FW: FLORIDA CHANNEL INTERVIEW REQUEST

Sent: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 13:23:30 GMT

Heads up....

From: Keri Igney
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 1:23 PM
To: Todd Morrill; Shelia Sims
Cc: Keri Igney
Subject: RE: FLORIDA CHANNEL INTERVIEW REQUEST

Mr. Morrill:

We are utilizing the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Program in the First Judicial Circuit and we are utilizing the services of two senior judges to preside over the foreclosure divisions.

While I do coordinate the efforts of our Senior Judges, I am not the appropriate person to sit for an on-camera interview regarding this programming. I am forwarding your request to our Chief Deputy Court Administrator and media contact Shelia Sims. Ms. Sims can provide you further assistance in this regard.

Ms. Sims is out of her office today but you may contact her by electronic transmission to Shelia.Sims@FLCourts1.gov or in the Court Administrator's office at 850-595-4400.

Keri Igney

From: Todd Morrill [<mailto:tmorrill@fsu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 1:11 PM
To: Keri Igney
Subject: FLORIDA CHANNEL INTERVIEW REQUEST

Ms. Igney,

I am a reporter with the Florida Channel, and we are working on a story on the use of senior judges in foreclosure cases.

I understand you are making use of this program.

Would it be possible to interview you or someone else at the court on camera about how this program is

working?

Thank you,

Todd Morrill
Producer/Reporter
The Florida Channel

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From: Janet Gilbert

Sent: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 09:26:48 GMT

To: Robin Wright

Subject: RE:

WEEKLY REPORT.DOC (30Kb)

Robin, I was thinking on them reporting Monday, to give them time to add up the data from any Friday hearings. Will the attached weekly report suffice? Also, just so I'm clear on this, do I also need a monthly report for the judges meetings? - and when are they? Thanks

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From: Robin Wright
Sent: Wed 9/29/2010 7:43 AM
To: Janet Gilbert
Subject: RE:

Thanks so much – I was thinking maybe it would be best to have Amanda and Mark report every Friday on the number of cases disposed and well as the numbers of cases scheduled in the future in each county. That may make more sense then a Monday report.

Thanks for all of your hard work on this. I really appreciate all of your efforts!

Robin

From: Janet Gilbert
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 8:45 PM
To: Robin Wright
Subject:

Robin, I'll be in Shalimar tomorrow so am providing aggregate data on senior judge dispositions: 213 cases disposed in ESC/SR and estimated 94 cases disposed in OKA/Walton since inception of program.

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**FORECLOSURE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM REPORT
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1, 2010**

COUNTY	HEARING DATES THIS WEEK	CASES DISPOSED THIS WEEK	TOTAL CASES DISPOSED TO DATE	CASES SET FOR HEARINGS ON FUTURE DOCKETS	
				Date	# of Cases
Escambia					
Santa Rosa					
Okaloosa					
Walton					

Comments:



From: Janet Gilbert

Sent: Mon, 04 Oct 2010 11:19:00 GMT

To: Robin Wright

Subject: FW:

WEEKLY REPORT Sept. 27-Oct. 1.DOC (33Kb)

I see Brooke is out of office so am forwarding the report to you, as well. Thanks

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From: Janet Gilbert
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Brooke Jones
Cc: Amanda Bailey; Mark A. Lehmann
Subject:

Attached is the weekly report for the Foreclosure Project for the Chief Judge meeting on Wednesday. Thank you.

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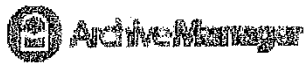
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**FORECLOSURE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM REPORT
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1, 2010**

COUNTY	HEARING DATES THIS WEEK	CASES DISPOSED THIS WEEK	TOTAL CASES DISPOSED TO DATE	TOTAL CASES SET FOR HEARINGS ON FUTURE DOCKETS
Escambia	none	0	214	359
Santa Rosa	none	0	43	147
Okaloosa	none	0	57	257
Walton	9/30/10	25	60	132
TOTALS		25	374	895

Comments:



From: Janet Gilbert
Sent: Mon, 11 Oct 2010 08:15:20 GMT
To: Robin Wright
Subject: RE: Clarification of Foreclosure Reporting Requirements

ESC Tracking Form.xls (24Kb)

No, we are tracking them per the attached tracking form. Please let me know if you want me to add that category to the weekly report as well. Thanks

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From: Robin Wright
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 8:08 AM
To: Janet Gilbert
Subject: FW: Clarification of Foreclosure Reporting Requirements

Would it be difficult to track cancelled/continued cases?

From: P.J. Stockdale [mailto:stockdap@flcourts.org]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 2:22 PM
To: Trial Court Administrators
Cc: Kristine Slayden; Arlene Johnson
Subject: Clarification of Foreclosure Reporting Requirements

Trial Court Administrators,

Thank you for your participation in yesterdays phone call. We appreciate your patience and insight into these projects.

I would like to summarize the issues discussed yesterday concerning the reporting requirements for the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Case Tracking System (FERCTS) workbooks.

In the interest of keeping the project manageable while still satisfying the essential reporting requirements:

+ The importance of the 62% target numbers have been clarified to better reflect the goals of the initiative and the mission of the courts. The target numbers provide a goal to shoot for but should not be emphasized to the detriment of a fair and meaningful adjudicatory process. . .

+ In order to reduce the workload impact of the reporting component, circuits do not need to report the dates of reopen or reopen closed events. If a case that was disposed prior to July 1, 2010 that does not already appear in your application workbook is reopened, this case does not need to be added to the workbook.

+ It is still important that we track the number of cases achieving final disposition. Therefore, new cases that are opened after July 1, 2010 will need to be added to the application as appropriate.

Existing cases achieving final disposition should also be updated and reported.

+ As discussed, several mortgage companies within the state are enacting a voluntary moratorium on their foreclosure proceedings while they review their internal procedures. In many parts of the state, this will affect a significant number of cases currently being processed by initiative staff. While some concrete statistics on the number of cases affected would be useful, the additional workload required to report this circumstance does not justify the result. Active cases affected for more than thirty days by these voluntary stoppages should be reported in the "Inactive - Other" status category in the FERCTS workbook. Initiative staff are encouraged to identify cases affected by a moratorium in the comments field but this is not required.

We are open to suggestions from the circuits as to how we might obtain some hard numbers to help us better understand the impact of these moratoria.

Many jurisdictions report that they have enough cases not affected by the moratoria to keep initiative staff busy.

Thanks again for your input. Please contact myself or Kris if you have any questions or comments.

PJ

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ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Date of Hearing	7/2/2010	8/19/2010	9/2/2010	9/2/2010	9/16/2010	10/7/2010	10/20/2010	10/21/2010	Total
ESCAMBIA COUNTY									
Type Hearings Scheduled	LOP	MSJ	MSJ	LOP	MSJ				
Final Judgment Entered		34	28		28				90
Dismissed	48	1	1	22	9				81
TOTAL CASES CLOSED	48	35	29	22	37				171
Continued	8	6	11	5	16				46
Cancellations		7	6		7				20
Other	3		1		2				6
TOTAL CASES PROCESSED	59	48	47	27	62	0	0	0	243
Date of Hearing	11/4/2010	11/17/2010	11/18/2010	12/2/2010	12/16/2010				
LOP or MSJ									
Total # of Cases Heard									
Final Judgment Entered									
Dismissed									
Total Closed cases									
Continued									
Cancellations									
Other									



From: [Robin Wright](#) **Sent:** Mon, 01 Nov 2010 14:17:06 GMT
To: [Janet Gilbert](#)
Subject: FW: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Status Report - First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11

[First Quarter of FY 2010-11 Status Report v2.pdf \(58Kb\)](#)

FYI

From: Kristine Slayden [mailto:slaydenk@flcourts.org]
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2010 1:49 PM
To: Trial Court Chief Judges; Trial Court Administrators
Cc: Lisa Goodner; Blan Teagle; Laura Rush; Charlotte Jerrett; Dorothy Wilson; Arlene Johnson; P.J. Stockdale; Greg Youchock
Subject: Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Status Report - First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11

Chief Judges/Trial Court Administrators: Attached is the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Status Report – First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11. Please let me know if you have any questions.
 Kris

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**Foreclosure and Economic Recovery
Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog
Status Report - First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11**

Circuit	Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog as of June 30, 2010¹	First Quarter of FY 2010-11 Initiative Dispositions²	Balance of Backlog After First Quarter of FY 2010-11³
1	10,979	717	10,262
2	3,460	183	3,277
3	1,115	120	995
4	17,916	2,948	14,968
5	16,281	840	15,441
6	31,791	2,730	29,061
7	18,440	3,837	14,603
8	1,926	522	1,404
9	39,700	6,048	33,652
10	11,045	3,004	8,041
11	75,326	4,920	70,406
12	21,617	1,878	19,739
13	32,843	4,364	28,479
14	3,897	823	3,074
15	46,438	9,846	36,592
16	2,259	133	2,126
17	48,675	9,585	39,090
18	27,117	2,768	24,349
19	19,061	951	18,110
20	32,453	9,613	22,840
Total	462,339	65,830	396,509

¹ Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog as of June 30, 2010 was determined by subtracting the number of SRS dispositions from the number of SRS filings for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010.

² First Quarter of FY 2010-11 Initiative Dispositions are based on data that is provided to the OSCA on a monthly basis by each trial court. These data are the reported information on cases disposed from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 using the new resources. In addition, Desoto County and Okeechobee County did not receive Foreclosure and Economic Recovery funding and are not included above; Circuit 4 has not submitted data during the initiative (The data provided above for Circuit 4 represents the number of SRS dispositions for July 2010 through September 2010.); July 2010 data is incomplete for Pinellas County; and September 2010 data is incomplete for Orange County, Circuit 18 and Circuit 19.

³ Balance of Backlog After First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11 was determined by subtracting the number of First Quarter of FY 2010-11 Initiative Dispositions from the number of Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Backlog as of June 30, 2010.

Note: First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11 includes data from July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010.

Foreclosure and Economic Recovery
Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Type of Dispositions¹
Status Report - First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11

Circuit	Dismissed	Summary/ Final Judgment	Trial	Unidentified	Total Disposed
1	192	522	1	2	717
2	32	151	0	0	183
3	50	70	0	0	120
4	1,176	1,772	0	0	2,948
5	249	547	0	44	840
6	19	2,710	1	0	2,730
7	1,213	2,569	2	53	3,837
8	175	320	6	21	522
9	1,635	4,401	1	11	6,048
10	859	2,125	1	19	3,004
11	3,566	1,354	0	0	4,920
12	127	1,744	5	2	1,878
13	230	3,986	0	148	4,364
14	342	471	0	10	823
15	2,849	6,956	1	40	9,846
16	23	100	0	10	133
17	2,381	7,105	1	98	9,585
18	983	1,779	3	3	2,768
19	281	399	1	270	951
20	643	7,859	0	1,111	9,613
Total	17,025	46,940	23	1,842	65,830

¹ Type of Dispositions are based on the initiative data that is provided to the OSCA on a monthly basis by each trial court. These data represent the reported information on cases disposed from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 using the new resources. In addition, Desoto County and Okeechobee County did not receive Foreclosure and Economic Recovery funding and are not included above; Circuit 4 has not submitted data during the initiative (The data provided above for Circuit 4 represents the number of SRS dispositions for July 2010 through September 2010.); July 2010 data is incomplete for Pinellas County; and September 2010 data is incomplete for Orange County, Circuit 18 and Circuit 19. Note: First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11 includes data from July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010.

**Foreclosure and Economic Recovery
Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Case Status¹
Status Report - First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11**

Case Status as of September 30, 2010				
Circuit	Cases Disposed	Cases Active ²	Cases Inactive ³	Cases Stayed ⁴
1	717	162	10,172	0
2	183	353	3,758	2
3	120	1,168	17	0
4	2,948	NA	18,291	NA
5	840	3,639	13,639	2
6	2,730	6	33,638	9
7	3,837	13	15,352	0
8	522	357	1,503	2
9	6,048	4,645	39,754	1
10	3,004	9,701	2,047	7
11	4,920	45,455	33,219	0
12	1,878	265	19,921	0
13	4,364	1	28,846	0
14	823	2,214	1,957	11
15	9,846	0	43,026	0
16	133	615	1,727	4
17	9,585	23,583	28,403	0
18	2,768	662	23,937	116
19	951	0	20,523	0
20	9,613	20,628	4,623	6
Total	65,830	113,467	344,353	160

¹ Cases Status is based on the initiative data that is provided to the OSCA on a monthly basis by each trial court. These data represent the reported information on cases disposed in July 2010 through September 2010 using the new resources and the status of the remaining pending cases. In addition, Desoto and Okeechobee Counties did not receive Foreclosure and Economic Recovery funding and are not included above; Circuit 4 has not submitted data during the initiative (The number of Cases Disposed provided above for Circuit 4 represents the number of SRS dispositions for July 2010 through September 2010.); July 2010 data is incomplete for Pinellas County; and September 2010 data is incomplete for Orange County, Circuit 18 and Circuit 19.

² Cases Active represents those cases the court is actively working to resolve. Court administration may not be made aware immediately when a case moves from inactive to active status.

³ Cases Inactive represents cases where judicial action cannot be concluded due to extenuating circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to, cases inactive due to attorney inactivity, cases with insufficient pleadings or documentation, cases involved in mediation/settlement negotiations, and other similar matters. All cases at the beginning of the initiative in July 2010 were identified as inactive.

⁴ Cases Stayed includes bankruptcy cases, cases pending resolution of another case, cases where there is an agreement of the parties, and cases pending appeal.

Note: First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-11 includes data from July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010.

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Foreclosure and Economic Recovery
Number of Additional Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure Cases
Added to Backlog and Percent of Cases Disposed
Quarter Ending September 2006 through September 2010

Quarter	Number of Additional Backlog Cases Added ¹	Clearance Rate ²
July -September 2006	4,199	78.6%
October - December 2006	8,702	64.5%
January - March 2007	13,811	56.9%
April - June 2007	16,852	54.6%
July -September 2007	26,234	45.9%
October - December 2007	38,845	39.7%
January - March 2008	34,319	38.4%
April - June 2008	51,034	43.8%
July -September 2008	53,250	45.5%
October - December 2008	49,532	49.9%
January - March 2009	50,158	53.6%
April - June 2009	36,553	63.0%
July -September 2009	35,034	64.0%
October - December 2009	29,000	69.4%
January - March 2010	14,423	82.0%
April - June 2010	-11,872	125.1%
July -September 2010	-14,615	123.1%

¹ Number of Additional Backlog Cases Added was determined by subtracting the number of SRS dispositions from the number of SRS filings for the quarters ending September 30, 2006 through September 30, 2010.

² Clearance Rate was determined by dividing the number of SRS dispositions by the number of SRS filings for the quarters ending September 30, 2006 through September 30, 2010.



From: [Debbie Howells](#) **Sent:** Wed, 17 Nov 2010 07:03:32 GMT
To: [Trial Court Chief Judges](#)
CC: [Krstine Slayden](#); [Lisa Goodner](#); [Blan Teagle](#); [Brenda Johnson](#); [Laura Rush](#); [Trial Court Administrators](#); [Judge John Laurent](#);
Subject: Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings

[Letter to Florida Press Assn et al.pdf \(169Kb\)](#) [Memo to Chief Judges re Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings.pdf \(936Kb\)](#)

Please see the attached memorandum from Chief Justice Canady regarding mortgage foreclosure proceedings.

Also attached is a copy of Chief Justice Canady's letter to The Florida Press Association.

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Gentlemen:

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

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

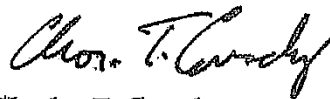
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am the chief administrative officer of the state courts system. I write you solely in that capacity.

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

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

Sincerely,



Charles T. Canady

CTC/ps

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Judges of the Circuit Courts

FROM: Chief Justice Charles T. Canady *CTC*

DATE: November 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings

Enclosed for your review and action is a letter dated November 12, 2010, that I received from the Florida Press Association and other organizations. The letter alleges that in some instances, members of the public and/or press either have been advised that they cannot attend mortgage foreclosure proceedings or have been prevented from attending such proceedings.

As the chief administrative officer of the Florida judicial branch, I am directing all chief judges to examine the current practices within their respective circuits to ensure that those practices are entirely consistent with the constitutional, statutory, procedural rule, and case law requirements of this state regarding the presumption that state court proceedings are open to the public.

I also ask that you communicate with all judges and court staff in your circuit to remind them of the relevant provisions relating to open court proceedings. It is important for you to communicate with the clerks of court and bailiffs within your circuit as well to ensure that those offices provide any visitors

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or callers with the correct information about attendance at mortgage foreclosure or other court proceedings.

I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify the Supreme Court's understanding of the goals of the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding Initiative, which was partially funded by the Legislature during the 2010 Legislative Session. I have reviewed Judge John Laurent's memorandum of October 28, 2010, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein by reference. I agree with his description of the 62-percent goal established by the Trial Court Budget Commission as a means to help measure the court system's progress in the initiative and to document how the appropriation for the foreclosure initiative is being spent. There is no reason why the 62-percent goal should interfere with a judge's ability to adjudicate each case fairly on its merits. Each case must be adjudicated in accordance with the law.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to appropriately administer and resolve the avalanche of mortgage foreclosure cases that have been overwhelming the court system during the past few years. I recognize that the challenge you face in assuring that these cases are resolved properly is unprecedented. I am confident that with the cooperation of all judges and court staff—along with the tools of the revised rules of court procedure, implementation of the managed mediation program, and the influx of court resources through the Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Funding Initiative—the Florida courts will be able to meet this challenge in a manner that protects and preserves the rights of all parties as well as interested observers.

CTC/LG/dgh

Enclosures

cc: Trial Court Administrators



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Chief Justice Charles T. Canady
Florida Supreme Court
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1925

November 12, 2010

Dear Chief Justice Canady,

We write to express our concern that the right to open access to judicial proceedings is being unduly impeded in foreclosure proceedings around the state. Our organizations have received numerous reports that extraordinary barriers to access are preventing members of the general public, as well as representatives of the news media, from observing foreclosure proceedings in judicial circuits around the state. We believe these barriers undercut the transparency of the judicial process; they also violate the strong presumption of open access to judicial proceedings under Florida law. We urge you to take action to secure the public's right to observe the workings of the judicial system.

As you know, Florida law recognizes a strong presumption in favor of open access to judicial proceedings. We have no objection, of course, to ordinary security screening measures. We are concerned, however, that the barriers to access here go far beyond such measures, leaving members of the public and press subject to the discretion of individual foreclosure judges to admit or exclude them.

The reports we have received come from all around the state, and although the precise nature of the barriers to access varies, a troubling pattern emerges: foreclosure divisions recently established by the judicial circuits have been operating under a presumption of closure to members of the general public, rather than the presumption of openness mandated by Florida law. An illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of encounters that have been reported to our organizations since August 2010 follows:

- A court observer in Hillsborough County called the court to ask about the rules governing attendance at foreclosure proceedings and was told that the proceedings were not open to the public.
- A pro se defendant in Duval County was told by a member of court security that she could not access foreclosure proceedings because only attorneys were permitted.
- A court observer called the Orange County courthouse to ask about attending foreclosure proceedings. She was informed that foreclosure hearings were held "in private chambers" and therefore not open to the public.

- In Citrus County, an individual preparing to mount a pro se defense in his own foreclosure case attempted to attend foreclosure hearings in advance of his own so that he could know what to expect when his case was heard. He was told that foreclosure hearings are "private" and take place in judges' chambers, and that he would not be permitted to observe them.
- Most recently, a legal aid attorney in Jacksonville attended a foreclosure proceeding accompanied by a reporter from Rolling Stone Magazine. Neither the attorney nor the reporter did anything disruptive to the proceedings. At one point the reporter left the proceedings in order to interview a pro se litigant whose case had just been heard. Later that day, the judge sent an email to the attorney castigating her for bringing the reporter into the proceedings. He stated that, while "attorneys are welcome in Chambers at their leisure," members of the media are "permitted" entry only upon "proper request to the security officer." He further informed the attorney that she "did not have authority to take anyone back to chambers without proper screening" and stated that her "apparent authorization that the reporter could pursue a property owner immediately out of Chambers into the hallway for an interview" may be "sited [sic] for possible contempt charges in the future."¹

In raising our concerns about this pattern of exclusion, we rely on the extensive body of case law that has made Florida a model for open government. Systematically excluding members of the press and public from judicial foreclosure proceedings violates the robust guarantee of open access to courts provided by Florida law. This Court has held that "both civil and criminal court proceedings in Florida are public events and adhere to the well established common law right of access to court proceedings and records." *Barron v. Fla. Freedom Newspapers, Inc.*, 531 So. 2d 113, 116 (Fla. 1988); see also Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420 (codifying public right of access to records of the judiciary). *Barron* articulated this right of access in forceful terms. It emphasized that "a strong presumption of openness exists for all court proceedings" and outlined the carefully circumscribed exceptions to this broad rule:

[C]losure of court proceedings or records should occur only when necessary (a) to comply with established public policy set forth in the constitution, statutes, rules, or case law; (b) to protect trade secrets; (c) to protect a compelling governmental interest [e.g., national security; confidential informants]; (d) to obtain evidence to properly determine legal issues in a case; (e) to avoid substantial injury to innocent third parties [e.g., to protect young witnesses from offensive testimony; to protect children in a divorce]; or (f) to avoid substantial injury to a party by disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in the specific type of civil proceeding sought to be closed.

¹ Since the incident in Duval County was particularly egregious, we have also asked that Chief Judge Moran consider appropriate action.

Id., at 118. Even in these exceptional circumstances, “before entering a closure order, the trial court shall determine that no reasonable alternative is available to accomplish the desired result, and, if none exists, the trial court must use the least restrictive closure necessary to accomplish its purpose.” *Id.*

The protection of public access to judicial proceedings serves fundamental constitutional values. In particular, the “value of openness lies in the fact that people not actually attending trials can have confidence that standards of fairness are being observed; the sure knowledge that *anyone* is free to attend gives assurance that established procedures are being followed and that deviations will become known.” *Sarasota Herald-Tribune v. State*, 924 So. 2d 8, 12 (Fla. 2d DCA 2005) (quoting *Press-Enter. Co. v. Super. Ct.*, 464 U.S. 501, 508 (1984)). “A trial courtroom is a public place where people have a general right to be present, and what transpires in the courtroom is public property.” *Plaintiff B v. Francis*, No. 5:08-cv-79, 2010 WL 503067, *2 (N.D. Fla. Feb. 5, 2010). Foreclosure proceedings are currently a matter of intense public interest. Indeed, the media has, in recent months, scrutinized them for possible procedural deficiencies. *See, e.g.*, Gretchen Morgenson and Geraldine Fabrikant, *Florida's High-Speed Answer to a Foreclosure Mess*, N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 14, 2010; Polyana da Costa, *Before Foreclosing, Judges Must Hear Out Homeowners*, MIAMI DAILY BUS. REV., Oct. 14, 2010.

As the examples outlined above show, Florida’s presumption of openness is being inverted in the context of foreclosure proceedings: courts across the state are effectively imposing a presumption of closure, which may be overcome only by special permission to observe proceedings. In effect, only those who actively assert their right of access in the face of initial barriers, and then ultimately receive permission, may exercise their right to observe foreclosure hearings.

Under Florida law, there are few justifications that can counterbalance the right to access. Even when those exceptional circumstances exist, the court must still determine that no more narrowly tailored alternative is available. *Barron*, 531 So. 2d at 118; *see also Globe Newspaper Co. v. Super. Ct. for the County of Norfolk*, 457 U.S. 596 (1982) (invalidating statute closing trials for certain sex offenses involving minors where state had a “compelling” interest in protecting minors’ privacy but where the court “offered no empirical support” that closure would effectively further that interest). There is no indication that closure of foreclosure courts occurs only when such rigorous analysis has taken place. Indeed, the opposite appears to be true: by choosing to conduct foreclosure hearings in “private” conference rooms or judicial chambers and treat those as closed proceedings, the burden shifts to members of the press or public to convince the court to allow access.

We recognize that the heavy volume of foreclosure cases has led to difficulties finding judges and courtrooms to hear the cases. As a result, some cases are being held in chambers for lack of an available traditional courtroom. Nevertheless, the proceedings must be open, even if they are held temporarily in a smaller and less formal physical

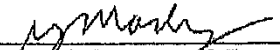
setting than usual. While we understand the necessity for ordinary and uniform security screening procedures, the unavailability of a traditional courtroom cannot justify a deprivation of the rights established under Florida law and the U.S. Constitution.

This Court has noted that the press plays an indispensable role in maintaining "the judicial system's credibility in a free society." *Barron*, 531 So. 2d at 116. That credibility cannot be maintained when members of the public and media are dependent on the indulgence of the presiding judge to allow them to observe important judicial proceedings.


It is our sincere hope that we, and other representatives of the media, will be able to avoid instituting litigation over the issue of access to foreclosure proceedings. We do face certain time constraints, however, because Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.100(d) provides for expedited review of orders excluding the public and media from judicial proceedings, and it requires such petitions to be filed within 30 days of an exclusion order.²

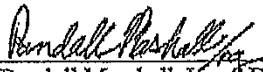
Accordingly, we respectfully urge you to take corrective action to ensure citizen and press access as guaranteed by Florida's right-of-access jurisprudence. In particular, we ask that you promulgate an Administrative Order or take other expeditious and appropriate action to ensure that both the public and media may observe proceedings consistent with Florida law and subject only to ordinary security measures

We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

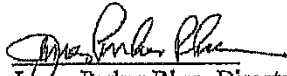

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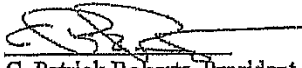

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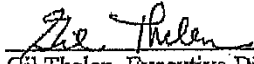
² The incident in Duval County occurred on October 26th. Accordingly, the last day to file a petition for review pursuant to Rule 9.100(d) is November 29th.



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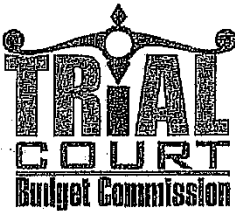
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Judges of the Circuit Courts

FROM: John Laurent

DATE: October 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Foreclosure Initiative

*The Honorable
John F. Laurent, Chair*

*The Honorable
Margaret Steinbeck,
Vice-Chair*

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In follow up to the Judicial Administration Committee conference call held on October 18, 2010, I am writing to reiterate the Trial Court Budget Commission's purpose for tracking the progress of cases the trial courts are hearing using funding provided for the foreclosure and economic recovery initiative. When the Florida Legislature appropriated special funding of \$6 million to help the trial courts with the significant backlog of foreclosure cases, the Trial Court Budget Commission established a measurement of progress that corresponded to the funding received: 62% of the backlog cases potentially could be processed because the Legislature funded 62% of the original request from the courts. A simple case tracking system was set up to monitor the progress and identify any reasons for delays. This is so that we will be able to report to the Legislature on how these funds were used. However, the Legislature has not specifically directed us to make such a report.

The 62% rate is not a quota. The 62% rate is simply a goal set by the TCBC to help measure the courts' progress in this initiative and document how the appropriation for the foreclosure initiative is being spent. The 62% rate was set before the initiative began and, most notably, before many of the lender moratoriums and other delays occurred. Please assure judges working on this project that the 62% rate was never intended to interfere with their ability to adjudicate each case fairly on its merits.

We will continue to monitor the progress of this initiative because we have an obligation to account for how these funds have been used. But we also will document all issues related to any difficulties that prevent or delay the court from hearing and disposing of cases before them.

JL/ks

cc: TCBC Members



From: [Robin Wright](#) **Sent:** Thu, 04 Jun 2009 07:54:55 GMT
To: [ESC-Judges](#); [OKA-Judges](#); [SRA-Judges](#); [WAL-Judges](#);
CC: [Keri Igney](#); [ESC-JA's](#); [OKA-JA's](#); [SRA-JA's](#); [WAL-JA's](#);
Subject: FW: Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force Survey for Judges

Judges,

Please take a few minutes and complete the survey regarding Foreclosures. This survey was created by the Supreme Court Task Force on Foreclosures.

Thanks,

Robin

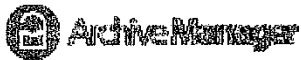
From: Sharon Press [<mailto:presss@flcourts.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2009 10:31 AM
To: Robin Wright
Subject: Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force Survey for Judges

Dear Colleagues:

The Supreme Court Task Force on Foreclosures has designed a survey for judges to try to capture the problems we are all experiencing. You can access the survey at <http://intranet.flcourts.org/> and look right below the masthead and you will see it. This is the chance to make your complaints heard, please fill it out!

Jennifer D. Bailey

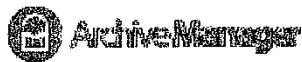
Chair, Supreme Court Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force
Administrative Judge, Civil Division
11th Judicial Circuit
Miami-Dade County Courthouse
73 W. Flagler St. , Room 1307
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From: Sharon Press **Sent:** Wed, 29 Apr 2009 14:03:53 GMT
To: Trial Court Administrators
CC: Blan Teagle; Cal Goodlett; Alan Bookman; Judge Jennifer Bailey; Isom, Claudia R.;
Subject: Mortgage Foreclosure Forms

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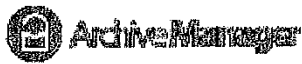
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From: Judge Terrell
To: Robin Wright
Subject: FW: Foreclosures

Sent: Tue, 08 Jun 2010 11:40:33 GMT

Do we need to talk about this?

From: John Dew [mailto:JohnDew@flccoc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:38 AM
To: Robin Wright; John Dew
Cc: Kris Slayden; Judge Terrell; Lisa Bernau; Don Howard; Martha Ingle; Mary Johnson
Subject: Re: Foreclosures

Robin.

Thank you for getting back to us. Just to let you know the CCOC will make the decision on how much will be appropriated to each Clerk in the circuit. The information you provided on how your circuit will allocate your resources helps.

Thanks again.

John

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: Robin Wright <Robin.Wright@FLCOURTS1.GOV>
Date: Tue, 8 Jun 2010 11:28:47 -0400
To: John Dew<JohnDew@flccoc.org>
Cc: Kristine Slayden<slaydenk@flcourts.org>; Judge Terrell<Judge.Terrell@FLCOURTS1.GOV>; Lisa Bernau<lbernau@clerk.co.escambia.fl.us>; Don Howard<dhoward@clerkofcourts.cc>; The Hon. Martha Ingle<ingmartha@co.walton.fl.us>; johnsonm@flcjn.net<johnsonm@flcjn.net>
Subject: RE: Foreclosures

John,

We have appropriated the \$ 74,464.74 for the 1st Circuit as follows:

Okaloosa (34%)	\$ 25,318.00
Escambia (26.5%)	\$ 19,733.00
Walton (26.5%)	\$ 19,733.00
Santa Rosa (13%)	\$ 9,680.74

We determined these percentages based on the percentage of each county's mortgage backlog. We actually used these same percentages to determine the number of allocated senior judge days in each county.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,

Robin

From: John Dew [mailto:JohnDew@flccoc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 7:59 AM
To: Judge Terrell
Cc: Kristine Slayden; Robin Wright
Subject: RE: Foreclosures

Good Morning Judge Terrell.

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 11th? We have a CCOC Executive Council meeting on Monday, June 14th 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 16th to present our plan.

We appreciate your help.

Thanks,

John

From: Judge Terrell [mailto:Judge.Terrell@FLCOURTS1.GOV]
Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2010 2:53 PM
To: John Dew
Cc: Kristine Slayden; Robin Wright; emagaha@clerk.co.escambia.fl.us; Mary Johnson; Don Howard; Martha Ingle
Subject: RE: Foreclosures

Mr. Dew,

Thank you for your input. This issue is being addressed forthwith, and an equitable distribution of available funds will be accomplished to address the mortgage foreclosure backlog issue with the able assistance of all the clerks in the First Circuit.

TDT

From: John Dew [mailto:JohnDew@flccoc.org]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 3:58 PM
To: Judge Terrell
Cc: Kristine Slayden
Subject: Foreclosures

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John Dew
CCOC Executive Director

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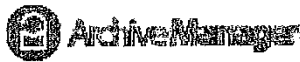
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From: [Judge Terrell](#) **Sent:** Mon, 02 Aug 2010 13:05:22 GMT
To: [Judge Santurri](#); [Judge Rasmussen](#); [Judge Wells](#); [Judge MGoodman](#); [Judge Stone](#);
CC: [Robin Wright](#); [Judge Bergosh](#);
Subject: FW: FORECLOSURE CHECKLIST..doc

FORECLOSURE CHECKLIST..doc (35Kb)

Apologies, apparently "Reply to All" was used instead of "Forward". Here is the form.

TDT

From: Judge MGoodman
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 12:53 PM
To: Judge Terrell; Judge Bergosh; Judge Santurri
Subject: FW: FORECLOSURE CHECKLIST..doc

This is a checklist that another circuit has their plaintiff attorneys fill out prior to the hearing for summary judgement...do we want to have them do the same thing?

From: Nancy Alley [mailto:Nancy.Alley@flcourts18.org]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 8:39 AM
To: Judge MGoodman
Subject: FW: FORECLOSURE CHECKLIST..doc

Marcia, this is the short checklist we use. All plaintiff attorneys must complete it and hand it to the judge at SJ hearings.

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FORECLOSURE SUMMARY JUDGMENT CHECKLIST

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SHORT CASE STYLE: _____

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ORDER APPOINTING G.A.L. for (Defendant)

Date Filed

AFFIDAVIT/ANSWER OF G.A.L.

Fee Requested: \$ _____

PLEADINGS FILED:

Notice of Mediation

Report of Mediation

Motion for Summary Judgment

Original Note and Mortgage

Notice of Hearing

Affidavit of Reasonable Attorney's Fee (expert)

\$ _____

Affidavit of Costs

\$ _____

Affidavit of Indebtedness/Amt. Owed

\$ _____

Affidavit of Attorney's Time/Fee:

Fee Requested:

\$ _____

Hours Spent: _____

Fee Per Hour: \$ _____

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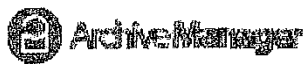
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Final Summary Judgment

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From: [Alicia Wardlow](#) **Sent:** Wed, 29 Sep 2010 13:29:34 GMT
To: [Amanda Bailey](#)
CC: [Robin Wright](#); [Judge Stone](#);
Subject: FW: Draft Foreclosure Administrative Directive

 **Forclosure Administrative Order Draft 4.wpd** (26Kb)

Amanda,

Please see below.

Please print and provide a copy of the attached draft directive to Judge Brace for his review and comment by close of business tomorrow, September 30. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

-Alicia

Alicia Wardlow
Court Operations Manager
Okaloosa County Court Administration
(850) 609-4700 - Office
(850) 651-7725 - Fax

From: Alicia Wardlow
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:28 PM
To: Judge Brown; Judge Grinsted; Judge Heflin; 'Judge Ketchel (Judge.Ketchel@FLCOURTS1.GOV)'; 'Judge Maney'; Judge Remington; 'Judge Ward'
Cc: Judge Stone; Robin Wright; Cheryl Bixel; Donna Fought; Eileen Vanboxtel; Ellen Hyde; Frannie Natalie; Gwen Roth; Patricia Beard; Trisha Barnes
Subject: Draft Foreclosure Administrative Directive

Judges,

Attached is a draft of the Foreclosure Administrative Directive prepared by Judge Stone. Judge Stone has asked that I forward the attachment for each of you to review and provide comments to me by close of business tomorrow, September 30. Thank you.

-Alicia

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Subject: E-Filing Mortgage Foreclosure Complaints

Does anyone currently allow for e- filing for mortgage foreclosure complaints, related mortgage foreclosure court documents, judgment etc. and of course can you share how you do this?

Currently this is a paper driven and paper heavy division in the 8th.

Ted

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