who attended the mediation, and a copy of Form A or any amended Form A shall be attached to the report for the court to determine if at least one of the plaintiff's representative named in Form A appeared for mediation. The mediator's report to the court shall be in the format of Exhibit 9 attached. Each mediation report shall be completed and reported to the Program Manager, or designee, immediately after each mediation session. The Program Manager, or designee, shall then file each mediation report with the clerk of court.

- 16. Mediation Communications. All mediation communications occurring as a result of this Order, including information provided to the Program Manager that is not filed with the court shall be confidential and inadmissible in any subsequent legal proceeding pursuant to Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators, unless otherwise provided for by law.
- 17. Failure to Comply with Administrative Order. In all residential foreclosure actions, if a notice for trial, motion for default final judgment, or motion for summary judgment is filed with the clerk of court, no action will be taken by the court to set a final hearing or enter a summary or default final judgment until the requirements of this Order have been met. In cases involving a homestead residence, the presiding judge shall require that copies of either 1) the most recently filed Form A and the report of the mediator, or 2) the most recently filed Form A and the notice of borrower's nonparticipation be sent to the presiding judge by the plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel prior to setting a final hearing or delivered with the packet requesting a summary or default final judgment.

The failure of a party to fully comply with the provisions of this Order may result in the imposition of any sanctions available to the court, including dismissal of the cause of action without further notice.

18. Mediation Not Required If Residence Is Not Homestead. If the plaintiff certifies in Form A that the property is NOT a homestead residence when suit is filed, plaintiff's counsel must file and serve with the complaint a certification identifying the agent of plaintiff who has full authority to settle the case without further consultation. The certification shall be in the form of Exhibit 10 attached.

If the plaintiff certifies in Form A that the property is **NOT** a homestead residence, the matter may proceed to a final hearing, summary judgment, or default final judgment in accordance with the rules of civil procedure without any further requirement to attend mediation, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge.

RMFM Program Timelines

19. RMFM Program Timelines. The following timelines shall be followed:

Suit is filed

Form A filed with Complaint Notice of RMFM Program attached to Summons

1 business day after suit is filed

Form A electronically transmitted to Program Manager by Plaintiff's counsel

48 hours after suit is filed

Counsel for the plaintiff shall send borrower, at borrower's last known mailing address, a copy of the complaint, a copy of the summons and a copy of Exhibit 2 of this Order, Notice of RMFM Program to be Served with Summons, via U.S. Mail

10 days after suit is filed

Form A and full payment submitted to Program Manager by Plaintiff's counsel

Within 30 days from date suit is filed

Borrower must contact Program Manager Borrower consults with foreclosure counselor Borrower must complete and submit Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation to Program Manager

45 days after suit is filed mediation session is scheduled

10 days prior to mediation session

Program Manager electronically transmits Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation to Plaintiff

10 days prior to mediation session

Borrower makes written request for Plaintiff's Disclosure for Mediation if desired. Plaintiff is to submit requested materials no later than 5 days prior to mediation session

5 days prior to mediation session

Any amended Form A designation of the plaintiff's representative must be filed with the Clerk

Plaintiff's counsel transmits Plaintiff's Financial Disclosure for Mediation to Program Manager

1 day prior to mediation session

Any amended Form A designation of the plaintiff's representative must be transmitted to Program Manager

30 days after suit is filed

Notice of Nonparticipation filed by Program Manager, if applicable.

RMFM Program Fees

- 20. RMFM Program Fees. The fee structure for the RMFM Program is based on the assumption that a successful mediation can be accomplished with one mediation session.

 Accordingly, pursuant to rule 1.720(g), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the reasonable program fees for the managed mediation, including foreclosure counseling, the mediator's fee, and administration of the managed mediation program, is a total of no more than \$700.00 payable as follows:
 - 1) \$400.00 paid by plaintiff to the Program Manager within ten (10) days after filing Form A with the clerk of court for administrative fees of the RMFM Program, including outreach to the borrower and foreclosure counseling fees; and
 - 2) \$300.00 paid by plaintiff to the Program Manager within ten (10) days after filing Form A with the clerk of court for the mediation fee component of the RMFM Program fees.

Payment, consisting of both fee components, must be sent to the Program Manager within ten (10) days after filing Form A with the clerk of court. A photocopy of Form A must accompany payment, and the information on the payment must match the information recorded on Form A. Payment shall be in the form of check or money order made payable

to the Orange County Bar Association, 800 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. No personal checks will be accepted. The court case number must be recorded on the check.

If more than one mediation session is needed, the total program fee stated above will also cover a second mediation session. However, if an additional mediation session is needed after the second session, the plaintiff shall be responsible for the payment of the program fees for such additional mediation sessions, unless the parties agree otherwise. The program fees for the third and each subsequent mediation session shall be no more than \$150.00 per hour with a minimum of two (2) hours per session.

If the case is not resolved through the mediation process, the presiding judge may tax the program fees as a cost or apply it as a set off in the final judgment of foreclosure.

If the borrower cannot be located, chooses not to participate in the RMFM Program, or if the borrower does not make any contact with the foreclosure counselor, the plaintiff shall be entitled to a refund of the portion of the Program fees attributable to foreclosure counseling. The refund shall not exceed \$125.00 and shall be determined by the Program Manager. If mediation is scheduled and the borrower announces an intention not to participate further in the RMFM Program prior to the mediation session, or if the case settles and the Program Manager has notice of the settlement at least five (5) days prior to the mediation session, the plaintiff shall be entitled to a refund of the Program fees allocated for the mediation session. If notice of settlement is not received by the Program Manager at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled mediation session, the plaintiff shall not be entitled to any refund of mediation fees.

The total fees include the mediator's fees and costs; the cost for the borrower to attend a foreclosure counseling session with an approved mortgage foreclosure counselor; and the cost to the Program Manager for administration of the managed mediation program which includes but is not limited to providing neutral meeting and caucus space, scheduling, telephone lines and

instruments, infrastructure to support a secure dedicated e-mail address or other secure system for information transmittal, and other related expenses incurred in managing the foreclosure mediation program.

Program Manager to Monitor Compliance and Satisfaction

21. Monitoring Compliance Concerning Certain Provisions of This Order,

Satisfaction with RMFM Program, and Program Operation. The Program Manager shall be responsible for monitoring whether Form A has been filed in all residential foreclosure actions that commence after the effective date of this Order and whether the RMFM Program fees have been paid if the residence is a homestead residence. The Program Manager shall send compliance reports to the Chief Judge or the Chief Judge's designee in the format requested by the Chief Judge. The reports shall be monthly or quarterly as determined by the Chief Judge. The Program Manager shall also copy the foreclosure docket case manager on the results of each mediation.

The Program Manager may assist with enforcing compliance with this Order upon filing a written motion pursuant to rule 1.100(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, stating with particularity the grounds therefore and the relief or order sought. Example orders are attached as Exhibit 11. The Program Manager shall also provide the Chief Judge with periodic reports as to whether plaintiffs and borrowers are satisfied with the RMFM Program. The Program Manager shall also provide the Chief Judge with reports containing statistical information about the status of cases in the RMFM Program and RMFM Program finances in the format and with the frequency requested by the Chief Judge. The reports shall be monthly or quarterly as determined by the Chief Judge.

The Program Manager shall also implement a reporting system to collect data on the number of cases referred to the Program and whether the cases settled, adjourned, or ended in

impasse. Further, the Program Manager shall track the percentage of cases referred to the Program that result in the Program Manager successfully contacting borrowers; the percentage of scheduled mediations failing to go forward because plaintiff's representative did not appear; the percentage of scheduled mediations failing to go forward because the borrower did not appear; and the percentage of mediations resulting in partial or complete agreements compared to those resulting in impasse.

22. Designation of Plaintiff Liaisons with RMFM Program. Any plaintiff who has filed five (5) or more foreclosure actions in the Ninth Judicial Circuit while this Order is in effect shall appoint two RMFM Program liaisons, one of whom shall be a lawyer and the other a representative of the entity servicing the plaintiff's mortgages, if any, and, if none, a representative of the plaintiff. Plaintiff's counsel shall provide written notice of the name, phone number (including extension), e-mail, and mailing address of both liaisons to the Chief Judge and the Program Manager within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order, and on the first Monday of each February thereafter while this Order is in effect.

The liaisons shall be informed of the requirements of this Order and shall be capable of answering questions concerning the administrative status of pending cases and the party's internal procedures relating to the processing of foreclosure cases, and be readily accessible to discuss administrative and logistical issues affecting the progress of the plaintiff's cases through the RMFM Program. Plaintiff's counsel shall promptly inform the Chief Judge and the Program Manager of any changes in designation of the liaisons and the contact information of the liaisons. The liaisons shall act as the Court's point of contact in the event the plaintiff fails to comply with this Order on multiple occasions and there is a need to communicate with the plaintiff concerning administrative matters of mutual interest.

List of Participating Mediators and Rotation of Mediators

23. List of Participating Mediators and Rotation of Mediators. The Program Manager shall post on the Ninth Judicial Circuit's website the list of Florida Supreme Court certified mediators to be used to implement the RMFM Program. "Mediator" means only those mediators who are certified by the Florida Supreme Court as Circuit Civil Mediators, who reside or have a primary practice in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, who have received and completed the special mortgage foreclosure training as mandated by the Florida Supreme Court, who also have received and completed training as provided by the Program Manager as to local procedure regarding the RMFM Program, and any additional training provided thereafter by the Program Manager.

Assignment of mediators shall be on a rotation basis as determined by the Program

Manager that fairly spreads work throughout the pool of mediators working in the RMFM

Program, unless the parties mutually agree on a specific mediator or the case requires a particular skill on the part of the mediator.

Pre-Suit Mediation Encouraged

24. Pre-Suit Mediation. Mortgage lenders, whether private individuals, commercial institutions, or mortgage servicing companies, are encouraged to use any form of alternative dispute resolution, including mediation, before filing a mortgage foreclosure lawsuit with the clerk of the court. Lenders are encouraged to enter into the mediation process with their borrowers prior to filing foreclosure actions to reduce the costs to the parties for maintaining the litigation and to reduce to the greatest extent possible the stress on the limited resources of the courts caused by the large numbers of such actions being filed across the State and, in particular, in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

If the parties participated in pre-suit mediation using the RMFM Program the plaintiff shall so certify in Form A, in which case the plaintiff and borrower shall not be required to

participate in mediation again unless ordered to do so by the presiding judge. A borrower may file a motion contesting whether pre-suit mediation occurred in substantial compliance with the RMFM Program.

Nothing in this paragraph precludes the presiding judge from sending the case to mediation after suit is filed, even if pre-suit mediation resulted in an impasse or there was a breach of the pre-suit mediation agreement.

Program Manager

25. *Program Manager*. The Orange County Bar Association, an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization is hereby named Program Manager of the Orange County RMFM Program. The Orange County Bar Association has demonstrable ability to assist the Court with managing the large number of residential mortgage foreclosure actions that have recently been filed in Orange County.

Effective Date

26. This Administrative Order shall be effective Tuesday, July 2, 2010, and shall apply to all residential homestead foreclosure cases filed beginning 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010, until further notice from the Chief Judge.

Administrative Order No. 2009-02, as amended, remains in full force and effect as to those cases filed prior to 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010, until further notice from the Chief Judge.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this _____ day of _______, 2010.

Belvin Perry, Jr.	
Chief Judge	

Copies to:

Clerk of Courts, Orange County Clerk of Courts, Osceola County General E-Mail Distribution List http://www.ninthcircuit.org Please complete and electronically transmit copy to the Program Manager at http://www.orangecountybar.org and file original with the Clerk of Court. Additionally, a photocopy of the completed form must be attached to program fees payment.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ORAN	IGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
[Name of Plaintiff] Case Plaintiff,	e No.:
vs.	
[Names of Defendant(s)] Defendant(s)	
Form "A" (Certifications Pursuant to Ninth Judicial Circuit Administra	ative Order 2010-11 (as amended))
Certificate of Plaintiff's Counsel Regarding Origin	nation of Note and Mortgage
THE UNDERSIGNED, as counsel of record for plaintiff and the origination of the note and mortgage sued upon in this as subject to the provisions of the Federal Truth in Lending Ac	ctionWAS orWAS NOT
Certificate of Plaintiff's Counsel Regarding Sta	tus of Residential Property
THE UNDERSIGNED, as counsel of record for plaintiff and the property that is the subject matter of this lawsuitIS residence. A "homestead residence" means a residential proestate tax exemption was granted according to the certified a county property appraiser prior to the filing of the suit to for	orIS NOT a homestead operty for which a homestead real rolls of the last assessment by the
If the residential property is a homestead residence, comple	te both of the following:
Certificate of Plaintiff's Counsel Regardin	g Pre-Suit Mediation
The following certification DOES orDOES NOT	apply to this case:
THE UNDERSIGNED, as counsel of record for plaintiff and that prior to filing suit a plaintiff's representative with full separticipated in mediation with the borrower, conducted by the mediation resulted in an impasse or a pre-suit settlement agreement has been breached. The undersigned the mediation the borrower received services from a HLID or Ni	ettlement authority attended and he Program Manager, and the reement was reached but the further certifies that prior to

counselor, Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation was provided, and Plaintiff's

Disclosure for Mediation was provided.

Certificate of Plaintiff's Counsel Regarding Plaintiff's Representative at Mediation

THE UNDERSIGNED, as counsel of record for plaintiff and as an officer of the court, certifies the following is a list of the persons, one of whom will represent the plaintiff in mediation with full authority to modify the existing loan and mortgage and to settle the foreclosure case, and with authority to sign a settlement agreement on behalf of the plaintiff (list name, address, phone number, facsimile number, and email address):

Plaintiff's counsel understands the mediator or the RMFM Program Manager may report to the court who appears at mediation and, if at least one of plaintiff's representatives named above does not appear at mediation, sanctions may be imposed by the court for failure to appear. As required by the Administrative Order, plaintiff's counsel will transmit electronically to the RMFM Program Manager the case number of this action, the contact information regarding the parties, and a copy of this Form A.

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Current Borrower Contact Address:	
Current Borrower Phone Number(s):	
Date:	
	(Signature of Plaintiff's Counsel)
	Printed name: Address:
	Phone number: Fla. Bar No.:

EXHIBIT 2 NOTICE OF RMFM PROGRAM TO BE SERVED WITH SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A NOTICE FROM THE COURT REGARDING LAWSUITS TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGES ON HOMES

If you are being sued to foreclose the mortgage on your primary home and your home has a homestead exemption and if you are the person who borrowed the money for the mortgage, you have a right to go to "mediation." At "mediation," you will meet with a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator appointed by the court and also a representative of the company asking to foreclosure your mortgage to see if you and the company suing you can work out an agreement to stop the foreclosure. The mediator will not be allowed to give you legal advice or to give you an opinion about the lawsuit. The mediator's job is to remain neutral and not take sides, but to give both sides a chance to talk to each other to see if an agreement can be reached to stop the foreclosure. If you and the company suing you come to an agreement, a settlement agreement will be written up and signed by you and the company suing you. With some limited exceptions, what each side says at the mediation is confidential and the judge will not know what was said at mediation.

You will not have to pay anything to participate in this mediation program. To participate in mediation, as soon as practical, you must contact the Program Manager by calling **1-866-430-5575** (a toll-free number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To participate in mediation, you must also provide financial information to the mediator and meet with an approved foreclosure counselor prior to mediation. You will not be charged any additional amount for meeting with a foreclosure counselor. You may also request certain information from the company suing you before going to mediation.

The Program Manager will explain more about the mediation program to you when you call. If you have attended mediation arranged by the Program Manager prior to being served with this lawsuit, and if mediation did not result in a settlement, you may file a motion asking the court to send the case to mediation again if your financial circumstances have changed since the first mediation

AS STATED IN THE SUMMONS SERVED ON YOU, YOU OR YOUR LAWYER MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED. YOU OR YOUR LAWYER MUST ALSO SEND A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY. YOU MUST TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT EVEN IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN MEDIATION.

/s/ Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

EXHIBIT 3 BORROWER'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN RMFM PROGRAM

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No(s).: Plaintiff(s), VS. Defendant(s). BORROWER'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN RMFM PROGRAM , (printed name), as the borrower on the mortgage sued upon in this case, hereby requests that this case be referred by the court to mediation using the RMFM Program. The undersigned states, under penalty of perjury, that he or she is currently living on the property as a primary residence and the property has a homestead tax exemption. (Signature) (Printed Name) (Current Address and Phone Number) (E-Mail Address) [Certificate of Service on the parties]

EXHIBIT 4 NOTICE OF BORROWER'S NONPARTICIPATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Plaintiff(s).	Case No(s).:
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Defendant(s).
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□ The RMFM Program has b	een unable to contact Borrower.
Signed on	, 20
	[Name of Program Manager]
	BY:(Signature)
	(Printed Name)
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EXHIBIT 5 BORROWER'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION

EXHIBIT 5A: LOAN MODIFICATION

EXHIBIT 5B: SHORT SALE

EXHIBIT 5C: DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE

EXHIBIT 5A BORROWER'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION (LOAN MODIFICATION)

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- Please attach the following:

 Last federal tax return fled
 Proof of income (e.g. one or two current pay stubs)
 Past two (2) bank statements
 If serf-emproyed, attach a copy of the past six months profit and loss statement

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Fannie Mae Hardship Form 1021

Home Affordable Modification Program Hardship Affidavit

Borrower Name (first, middle, last)):	
Date of Birth:			
Co-Borrower Nar	ne (first, middle,	last):	
Date of Birth:			Property
Street Address:			Property City, State,
Zip:			
Servicer:			
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Face-to-face interview Interviewer's Signature/Date Address Telephone (include area code) Internet address BORROWER/CO-BORROWER ACKNOWL	

1. Under penalty of perjury, I/we certify that all of the information in this affidavit is

- truthful and the event(s) identified above has/have contributed to my/our need to modify the terms of my/our mortgage loan.
- 2. I/we understand and acknowledge the Servicer may investigate the accuracy of my/our statements, may require me/us to provide supporting documentation, and that knowingly submitting false information may violate Federal law.
- 3. I/we understand the Servicer will pull a current credit report on all borrowers obligated on the Note.
- 4. I/we understand that if I/we have intentionally defaulted on my/our existing mortgage, engaged in fraud or misrepresented any fact(s) in connection with this Hardship Affidavit, or if I/we do not provide all of the required documentation, the Servicer may cancel the Agreement and may pursue foreclosure on my/our home.
- 5. I/we certify that my/our property is owner-occupied and I/we have not received a condemnation notice.
- 6. I/we certify that I/we am/are willing to commit to credit counseling if it is determined that my/our financial hardship is related to excessive debt.
- 7. I/we certify that I/we am/are willing to provide all requested documents and respond to all Servicer communication in a timely manner. I/we understand that time is of the essence.
- 8. I/we understand that the Servicer will use this information to evaluate my/our eligibility for a loan modification or other workout, but the Servicer is not obligated to offer me/us assistance based solely on the representations in this affidavit.
- 9. I/we authorize and consent to Servicer disclosing to the U.S. Department of Treasury or other government agency, Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac any information provided by me/us or retained by Servicer in connection with the Home Affordable Modification Program.

Borrower Signature	Date	Co-Borrower Signature	Date
E-mail Address:		E-mail Address:	
Cell phone #		Cell phone #	
Home Phone #		Home Phone #	
Work Phone #		Work Phone #	
Social Security #	-	Social Security #	

EXPLANATION:

(Provide any further explanation of the hardship making it difficult for you to pay on your mortgage.)

EXHIBIT 5B BORROWER'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION (SHORT SALE)

In addition to the FANNIE MAE HARDSHIP FORM 1021 in Exhibit 5A above, the following information must be electronically transmitted to the Program Manager on behalf of the borrower:

Signed purchase contract for the homestead residence
Listing agreement for sale of the homestead residence
Preliminary HUD-1
Written permission from the borrower authorizing the plaintiff or any agent of the plaintiff to speak with the real estate agent about the borrower's loan

Borrowers should be reminded that the sale MUST be an arm's length transaction, and the property cannot be sold to anyone with close personal or business ties to the borrower.

EXHIBIT 5C BORROWER'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION (DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE)

In addition to the FANNIE MAE HARDSHIP FORM 1021 in Exhibit 5A above, the following information must be electronically transmitted to the Program Manager on behalf of the borrower:

Current title search for the homestead residence

EXHIBIT 6 BORROWER'S REQUEST FOR PLAINTIFF'S DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No(s).: Plaintiff(s), vs. Defendant(s). NOTICE OF BORROWER'S REQUEST FOR PLAINTIFF'S DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION , (printed name), as the borrower on the mortgage sued upon in this case, hereby requests the following information and disclosure from the plaintiff pursuant to Administrative Order 2010-11 (as amended) entered in the Ninth Judicial Circuit (mark the information and documents requested): Documentary evidence the plaintiff is the owner and holder in due course of the note and mortgage sued upon. A history showing the application of all payments by the borrower during the life of the loan. A statement of the plaintiff's position on the present net present value of the mortgage loan. The most current appraisal of the property available to the plaintiff. A separate line item for any fees, costs, interest, penalties or other charges that the plaintiff is asserting may be due and owing. Signed on _______, 20____. (Signature)

[Certificate of Service on the parties]

EXHIBIT 7 PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF ATTENDING MEDIATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No(s).:
Plaintiff(s)	's
VS.	
Defendant	(s).
	
	PLAINTIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE WILL APPEAR E USE OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND
	AUTHORITY TO SIGN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Plaintiff gives notice	of exercising the option to allow plaintiff's representative
designated in Form A filed in	this case to attend mediation through the use of communication
	name of person as the person who will be physically present at on behalf of plaintiff to sign any settlement agreement reached at
mediation. On the date of the	e mediation, plaintiff's representative can be reached by calling the
following telephone number:	[telephone number, including area code and extension].
Signed on	, 20
	[Name of Plaintiff]
	(Signature)
	(Printed Name)
/C	ertificate of Service by Plaintiff's Counself

EXHIBIT 8 PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT MEDIATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Plaintiff(s),	Case No(s).:
vs.		
	Defendant(s).	
		ING ATTENDANCE AT MEDIATION COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
penalt	[Name], who was designated as Plairy of perjury, states to the court that [h	ntiff's Representative in Form A filed herein, under le][she] (mark as appropriate)
	Attended mediation through the use communication equipment at all tim	of communication equipment, and was on the es during the entire mediation.
	Attended mediation, through the use communication equipment at all time	e of communication equipment but was not on the es during the mediation.
		(Signature)
		(Printed Name)

[Certificate of Service by Plaintiff's Counsel]

EXHIBIT 9 MEDIATION REPORT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Plaintiff/Lender,	_ Case N	umber:
VS.		
D - C	_	
Defendant(s),		
	and the state of t	
OUTCOME	OF MEDIATION FOR F	FORECLOSURE ACTIONS
Plaintiff's Representative: (print)		
Plaintiff's Counsel (print)		
Defendant (print)		
Defendant represented by:	Pro Se Counsel:	
	above case was scheduled	forand the
undersigned reports to the Court t	ne outcome of mediation	ioi said conterence as tonons.
Mediation Conference took p		
		leted a Mediation Agreement
	Partial Agreement Femporary Agreement	
	the mediation to continue	and be reset
Reached an		
Reached an	impasse with Plan of Act	ion
Mediation Conference did no	ot take place due to:	
	cellation by the parties du	e to:
	Settlement/Agreement	or Scheduling Conflict
	ncellation by: Petition	
	presentative or Attorney i	
	Homeowner(s) failed to ap	
Other		
Fees paid:		
Mediator's Fee: Paid	in full Partial paymen	t Not paid.
Administrative fee: Paid		
	* V	-
CERTIFIED CIRCUIT MEDIAT	OR	DATE
DENTITED CINCOTT MEDIATO		

As required by Administrative Order 2010-11 (as amended) a copy of the most recently filed Form A is attached.

[Certificate of Service]

EXHIBIT 10 CERTIFICATION REGARDING SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY (RESIDENCE NOT HOMESTEAD)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Plaintiff(s),	Case No(s).:
√S.		
	Defendant(s).	

PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY

(Residence Is Not Homestead)

In compliance with Administrative Order 2010-11(as amended) the undersigned attorney certifies that following person or entity has full authority to negotiate a settlement of this case with the borrower without further consultation:

(All of the following information must be provided)
Name:
Mailing Address:
Telephone Number (including area code and extension):
Fax Number:
Email Address:

Notice to Defendants: Because of privacy laws and rules, the plaintiff will only be able to negotiate a modification of the loan with the named borrower on the underlying debt.

I certify a copy of this certification was served on defendants with the summons.

Date:

Loan/File Number:

[Signature, Address, Phone Number of Plaintiff's Counsel]

EXHIBIT 11 ORDERS FOR REFERRALS, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Plaintiff(s),	Case No(s).:
vs.	
Defendant(s).	
	DER TO SHOW CAUSE with Administrative Order 2010-11 (as amended))
0	laintiff has failed to comply with the requirements of ended) in regards to the following (as marked):
Form A	
Plaintiff failed to file Form A.	
Plaintiff failed to submit Form A	to the Program Manager.
Payment of RMFM Program Fees	
Plaintiff failed to pay the RMFM suit is filed.	Program fees payable and due within ten (10) days after
Failure to File and Serve Certification	on Regarding Settlement Authority
	e certification regarding the person or entity with e residence is not homestead (Form Exhibit 9 der).
Attendance at Mediation	
Plaintiff's counsel failed to attend	mediation.
Plaintiff's representative designate failed to attend mediation.	ed in the most recent Form A filed in the court file
Plaintiff's agent with full outhorit	y to sign a sattlement agreement fulled to attend

mediation.

Plaintiff's representative failed to attend by telephone at all times during the mediation session.	
After the mediation resulted in an impasse, plaintiff's representative failed to file the certification regarding attendance at mediation by telephone at all times (Form Exhibit 7 attached to the Administrative Order).	
IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff shall appear before the court at the [designation of courthouse/courtroom] on [date] at [time] to show cause why sanctions for noncompliance with Administrative Order 2010-11 (as amended) should not be imposed. Plaintiff is cautioned that failure to appear at the show cause hearing may result in the case being dismissed and the imposition of other appropriate sanctions.	
Signed on [date]	
[signature block for judge]	
[signature block for funge]	

[Certificate of Service]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No(s).: Plaintiff(s),	
vs.	
Defendant(s).	
ORDER AFTER SHOW CAUSE (Plaintiff's Failure to Comply with Administrative Comply with Administrative Comply with Administrative Comply with Administrative Complex Court having determined that Plaintiff has failed	Order 2010-11 (as amended))
Administrative Order 2010-11 (as amended), it is ORDERE	ED and ADJUDGED (as marked):
Form A	
Within 10 days from the date of this order, Plaintiff sha submit Form A to the Program Manager using the approplatform.	
Payment of RMFM Program Fees	
— Within 10 days from the date of this Order, Plaintiff sha RMFM Program fees to the Program Manager.	all pay \$ of the
Failure to File and Serve Certification Regarding Settler	ment Authority
— Within 10 days after the date of this Order, Plaintiff sha certification regarding the person or entity with full sett residence is not homestead (Form Exhibit 9 attached to	tlement authority where the
Attendance at Mediation	
Plaintiff's counsel shall attend the next scheduled media	ation in this case.
(Name), as plaintif most recent Form A filed in the court file, shall physically a this case.	ff's representative designated in the attend the next scheduled mediation in

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Plaintiff(s),	Case No(s).:
vs.	
Defendant(s).	
(Case Filed Prior to effective date of A It appearing to the court that the reside a mortgage is a "homestead residence" to which applies and that Defendant referred to mediation, it is ORDERED: The case is referred to the RMFM Proposall comply with Administrative Order 2010 this Order, the plaintiff shall pay the RMFM Fundamental the manner required by the Administrative Order	CASE TO RMFM PROGRAM Administrative Order 2010-11 (as amended)) ence which is the subject of this action to foreclose ch Administrative Order 2010-11 (as amended) (Borrower) has requested that the case be gram for mediation, and the plaintiff and borrower-11 (as amended). Within 10 days from the date of Program fees, file a properly filled out Form A in der, and transmit Form A to the Program Manager. erate with the Program Manager and must attend tager.
	that failure to comply in a timely manner with the ssal of the cause of action without further order of
Signed on [date]	
l	signature block for judge
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NOTICE OF MEDIATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case Plaintiff(s),	e No(s).:
Plantiff(s),	
vs.	
Defendant(s).	
NOTICE OF ME	EDIATION
Pursuant to Administrative Order 2010-11 (as amen action for mediation on, the Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange	
The Mediator will be	
Attendance.	
Each of the following must be physically present at (a) the borrower; (b) the borrower's counsel of record, if any; (c) the plaintiff's lawyer; and (d) the plaintiff's representative with full aut recently filed Form A (plaintiff's represe communication equipment if proper noti	hority to settle as designated in the most ntative may appear through the use of
FAILURE OF ANY OF THESE PARTIES TO API THE ACTION WITHOUT PREJUDICE, THE MEARING, SUMMARY JUDGMENT OR DE SANCTIONS AS THE COURT DEEMS APPROP	MATTER MAY PROCEED TO A FINAL FAULT JUDGMENT, OR ANY OTHER

- (a) a copy of the Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation to the mediation session;
- (b) any additional documents that the foreclosure counselor indicated to borrower would be required for mediation.

Be prepared to present any information or papers that will support you side of the ease.

Borrower shall bring:

Plaintiff shall bring any and all documents and materials necessary for an effective mediation.

The mediation session is scheduled for up to two (2) hours.

If you need a foreign language interpreter to fully participate in your hearing, it is your responsibility to bring your own interpreter.

Re-Scheduling.

If you wish to change the date and time of the mediation, or cancel the mediation, either:

- (1) you must enter into a written agreement prepared by the Plaintiff and signed by both parties or the attorney; or
- (2) you must contact the Program Manager in writing who shall approve any change to the mediation date and time.

Either option (1) or (2) must be completed and presented to the Program Manager for processing at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled mediation session.

Until you have received an amended Notice from the Program Manager either cancelling the scheduled mediation session or providing a reset date and time, the full fees will be due and no new date will be considered set. No phone call to reset or cancel a scheduled mediation session will be considered sufficient.

No request to cancel, reset or notice of settlement received by the Program Manager at least five (5) days prior to a scheduled mediation session shall be entertained or result in any refund of mediation fees.

Results of Mediation.

The mediator shall report to the Court whether an agreement was reached without comment or recommendation.

If there are any questions about the RMFM Program mediation process, please contact the Program Manager at (407) 515-4330.

Signed on	, 20
	[Name of Program Manager]
	BY: (Signature)
	(Printed Name)

[Certificate of Service on the parties]

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING MANDATORY CIRCUIT COURT MEDIATION FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES

WHEREAS, residential mortgage foreclosure cases have significantly increased in Orange County, Osceola County, and the entire State of Florida throughout 2008 and continuing into 2009; and

WHEREAS, the judges in the Orange County Circuit Civil Division are routinely advised by both banks and owner-occupant litigants that due to high volumes, communication has been difficult between representatives of the lender and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, in many cases the first opportunity for the owner-occupant litigants to discuss potential resolution short of judicial sale is at a hearing on the lender's motion for summary judgment; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the parties to communicate effectively in a timely fashion results in unnecessary waste of judicial resources and court staff time, all of which could be obviated in whole or in part by mediation; and

WHEREAS, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.700(a) provides that the judge may enter an order referring all or any part of a contested civil matter to mediation; and

WHEREAS, loan modification and foreclosure relief plans available to homeowners are rapidly evolving due to changes in bank policies and state and federal regulations, of which foreclosure counsel may be unaware; and

WHEREAS, board certified mediator members of the Orange County Bar Association have agreed to provide mediation services at reduced fees to lessen the cost of mediation in

owner-occupied foreclosure cases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, order the following, effective February 25, 2009, as to only those cases filed prior to 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010* and Defendant-Debtor requested mediation prior to 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010:

- 1. The Court shall have the option of referring a case to mediation at anytime, including at the time of any hearing on motion for summary judgment. Plaintiff-Lenders are encouraged to engage in pre-suit mediation to avoid the continued burden on the Clerk of the Court and the judiciary.
- 2. Plaintiff-Lenders in foreclosure proceedings will be required to deliver at the time of service of process on Defendant-Debtor, a Notice to Homeowners of contact information including phone numbers and addresses to their loan workout department and notice of homeowners' right to mediation attached hereto as Exhibit "A." In addition, if the Lender has a debt relief or home loan loss mitigation program in effect, it shall provide the Debtor with information and access to the program including any 1-800 numbers.
- 3. If the Defendant-Debtor has requested mediation, Counsel for the Plaintiff shall coordinate and schedule the case for mediation within 45 days of the answer or paper served or filed by the Defendant making such request.
- 4. A list of Board Certified Civil Mediators who are willing to provide mediation services at significantly reduced rates will be maintained by the Orange County Bar Association at their website: www.ocbanet.org. If the parties cannot secure a certified mediator from that

^{*} Please refer to Administrative Order No. 2010-11 for all cases filed beginning 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010 and for all cases filed prior to 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010 where mediation was requested after 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010 until further notice from the Chief Judge.

list, or elsewhere, the presiding judge shall be notified by Plaintiff's counsel and compliance with this Order shall be temporarily excused until such time as a mediator is appointed by the court. The Plaintiff shall make a reasonable effort to coordinate the mediation with all parties and shall give the Defendant-Debtor and any non-defaulted inferior lien-holders reasonable advanced notice of the date, time, and place of the mediation.

5. Personal communication by the Plaintiff's counsel with the Defendant-Debtor is expected to occur within 30 days of answer to the Complaint. If counsel for the Plaintiff-Lender after diligent effort and personal communication with the Defendant-Debtor in person or by telephone, learns that the Defendant-Debtor does not have any ability or willingness to work with the Plaintiff-Lender and is unwilling to engage in any loss mitigation efforts, then the counsel for the Plaintiff-Lender may file a Notice of Good Faith Communication and may be excused from compliance with this Order. The Notice shall state:

The undersigned counsel for [Plaintiff/Lender] hereby certifies that he/she has personally communicated with [Defendant-Debtor] in connection with this residential foreclosure and the debtor has not demonstrated any willingness to work with the lender and in the opinion of counsel no useful purpose could be served by a mediation conference.

It is anticipated that the certification permitting the Plaintiff/Lender to forego compliance with mediation will be used sparingly and in light of the ever-evolving programs and forms of relief becoming available. Any attorneys who shall file certifications without personal communication, or who in bad faith engage in efforts to avoid compliance with this Order shall be sanctioned. Attorneys are expected to communicate in person or by telephone with the Defendant-Debtor and a certification may not be filed by an attorney based on communication between the attorney's staff or lender representatives and the debtor.

- 6. The Mediation: A representative of the Plaintiff-Lender with full authority to settle must participate in the mediation and attendance of the representative must be continuous throughout the mediation session. If the mediation representative for the Plaintiff-Lender is more than 25 miles from the proposed location for the mediation or outside this Circuit, attendance by telephone shall be permitted. However, the Plaintiff's counsel should be present in person at the mediation session if the Plaintiff's representative is attending by telephone. Notice of attendance by telephone must be given to the Defendant-Debtor or Defendant's counsel and a toll free number should be provided for use by the mediator or the parties as needed. Plaintiff's counsel, the Defendant (and Defense counsel if any for non-defaulted parties) must appear at the mediation in person or seek an order of relief. If the Defendant fails to appear at a properly notice mediation without good cause, or if the matter impasses after mediation, the matter may be promptly noticed for final or summary judgment providing all of the requirements of the rules of procedure have otherwise been meet. If the Plaintiff fails to appear at mediation or if there is no representative with full settlement authority the action may be subject to dismissal or other sanctions may be imposed.
- 7. The Plaintiff-Lender shall provide a copy of this Order to the Defendant-Debtor and the Debtor is obligated to make good faith efforts to comply with reasonable requests for information concerning the Debtor's ability to pay, expenses, and income as a pre-requisite to mediation. By furnishing this information the Debtor may help the Lender identify potential programs or other means of assistance and potential workouts.
- 8. Fees: Initial costs of the mediation should be born by the Plaintiff-Lender at a rate of \$275.00 for 2 hours of mediation. One half of the mediator's fee may be claimed as costs and included within a final judgment. Unless otherwise agreed to with the mediator, any fee charged by the mediator shall be paid by the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel within 20 days from the date

of the mediation. If mediation takes more than 2 hours, the fee to be applied shall be at a rate of \$100.00 for each hour thereafter. If a Plaintiff fails to appear at mediation, if the mediation cannot go forward at the scheduled time due to the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel, or if the mediator is not notified 48 hours in advance that a mediation session has been cancelled or is unnecessary, then the mediator shall be entitled to a cancellation fee equal to 2 hours of mediation time payable by the Plaintiff.

Administrative Order No. 2009-02 is vacated and set aside and has been incorporated and/or amended herein.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this _	day of	, 2010.
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Belvin Perry, Jr.	
Chief Judge	

Copies to:

Clerk of Courts, Orange County Clerk of Courts, Osceola County General E-Mail Distribution List http://www.nintheireuit.org

Notice to Homeowner Lender Contact and Mediation Information

This Notice to Homeowner is required by Administrative Order of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court for cases pending in Orange County. It is given to you at the time of service of process by the Plaintiff/ Lender, with the summons and complaint for foreclosure. The following contact information and phone numbers and addresses to their loan workout department is for your use. If the Lender has a debt relief or home loan loss mitigation program in effect, information and access to the program including any 1-800 numbers is provided below:

How to	Contact your	Lender (on the loan	currently	being forecle	osed for non-
payment):						

Your Lender is:

You can call:

Right to Mediation

You may request that the court order mediation in your case before a final judgment or foreclosure sale of your property. You have been served with a complaint from your Lender, TO WHICH YOU MUST FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN 20 DAYS. That means send a copy of your answer to the complaint to the courthouse clerk's office and by mail to the other parties in the lawsuit. In that answer, or by separate pleading, you can request mediation. By requesting mediation you are not excused from filing an answer to the complaint being served on you. You must answer the complaint WITHIN 20 DAYS or you will be in default in the lawsuit.

Mediation is most appropriate where you have already tried to contact your Lender (or have been unable to) and still feel you have the financial ability to reinstate or modify your loan or come to some other mutually agreeable workout. In mediation, you will be required to meet with a representative of the Lender who has authority to discuss your loan and with a mediator who will try to facilitate a settlement. By electing to participate in this mediation program you are agreeing to bring your wage, bank account, credit card, and other financial information relating to your income and debts to the mediation and you are agreeing to disclose this information to the Lender. You may discuss: 1) reinstatement of the mortgage, 2) refinance, 3) sale of your home, or 4) foreclosure sale.

Additional information regarding mortgage foreclosures and landlord /tenant matters is available at the **Court Resource Center**, Room 365, 3rd Floor of the Orange County Courthouse located at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801. Information on how to find a lawyer is available from the Orange County Bar Association's **Lawyer Referral Service** by calling 407-422-4537.

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING CIRCUIT COURT MEDIATION FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES AND MOTIONS FOR CONCILIATION, OSCEOLA COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and Section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each circuit is charged with the authority and power to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.700(a) provides that the judge may enter an order referring all or any part of a contested civil matter to mediation; and

WHEREAS, given the large volume of residential mortgage foreclosure actions filed in Osceola County throughout 2008 and continuing into 2009; and

WHEREAS, the judges in the Osceola County Circuit Civil Division are routinely advised by both banks and owner-occupant litigants that due to the high volume of cases, communication has been difficult between representatives of the lender and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, in many cases the first opportunity for the owner-occupant litigants to discuss potential resolution short of judicial sale is at a hearing on the lender's motion for summary judgment; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the parties to communicate effectively in a timely fashion results in unnecessary waste of judicial resources and court staff time, all of which could be obviated in whole or in part by mediation; and

WHEREAS, loan modification and foreclosure relief plans available to homeowners are rapidly evolving due to changes in bank policies and state and federal regulations, of which foreclosure counsel may be unaware; and

WHEREAS, board certified circuit civil mediators in Osceola County have agreed to provide mediation services at reduced fees to lessen the cost of mediation in owner-occupied foreclosure cases; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to expedite the implementation of mediation of mortgage foreclosure actions involving homestead properties, the Ninth Judicial Circuit and Osceola County have collaborated to develop a foreclosure mediation program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, order the following, effective October 12, 2009, as to only those cases filed prior to 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010* and Defendant/Debtor requested mediation prior to 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010:

- 1. The court shall have the option of referring a case to mediation at anytime, including at the time of any hearing on motion for summary judgment. Plaintiff/Lenders and Defendant/Debtors are encouraged to engage in pre-suit mediation.
- 2. Plaintiff/Lenders in foreclosure proceedings will be required to file as an exhibit to the complaint, and deliver at the time of service of process on Defendant/Debtors, a copy of this Order with a completed "Notice to Homeowners Lender Contact and Mediation Information" notice, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," which includes Lender's phone numbers and addresses to their loan workout department, and "Defendant/Debtor Financial Information Statement," attached hereto as Exhibit "B" (to be completed by Defendant/Debtor). In addition, if the Lender has a debt relief or home loan loss mitigation program in effect, it shall provide the Debtor with information and access to the program, including any toll free numbers.
- 3. If the Defendant/Debtor has requested mediation, the case shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Services Office and an Order of Referral to Mediation shall be entered. The Dispute Resolution Services Office shall coordinate and schedule the case for mediation within seventy-five (75) days of the answer or paper served or filed by the Defendant making such request. All parties named in the foreclosure action shall be noticed of the date, time, and place of the mediation.
- 4. Alternatively, Defendant/Debtors may file a motion for a free telephone conciliation conference along with their answer. The form motion for telephone conciliation conference is

^{*} Please refer to Administrative Order No. 2010-12 for all cases filed beginning 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010 and for all cases filed prior to 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010 where mediation was requested after 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010 until further notice from the Chief Judge.

attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and shall be filed by Defendant/Debtor with a completed "Defendant/Debtor Financial Information Sheet," attached hereto as Exhibit "B." Defendant/Debtors shall make only one election, either to engage in mediation, or to motion for a free telephone conciliation conference. If a Defendant/Debtor chooses to motion for a telephone conciliation conference, the following procedures shall be followed:

- a. It shall be the responsibility of the Plaintiff/Lender to arrange the telephone conciliation conference within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the Order Granting Telephonic Conciliation Conference and to have a representative of the Plaintiff/Lender with full settlement/modification authority in attendance. All parties and counsel may attend by phone.
- b. Within ten (10) days of the conciliation conference, counsel for Plaintiff/Lender is to file a Conciliation Report with the court as to the status of the case.
- c. No motion for Summary Judgment may be filed prior to the Conciliation Report.
- d. After the Conciliation Report is filed, the Defendant/Debtor may also file a
 Motion for Mediation stating appropriate grounds for mediation.
- e. Upon consideration of the Motion for Mediation, the court may refer the case to
 the Dispute Resolution Services Office which shall coordinate and schedule the
 mediation within seventy-five (75) days.
- 5. The Dispute Resolution Services Office shall maintain a list of board certified circuit civil mediators who are willing to provide mediation services in Osceola County, at significantly reduced rates. The Dispute Resolution Services Office will assign on a rotating basis a board certified circuit civil mediator.
- 6. Personal communication by the Plaintiff's counsel with the Defendant/Debtor is expected to occur within 30 days of answer to the Complaint. If counsel for the Plaintiff/Lender after diligent effort and personal communication with the Defendant/Debtor in person or by telephone, learns that the Defendant/Debtor does not have any ability or willingness to work with

the Plaintiff/Lender and is unwilling to engage in any loss mitigation efforts, then the counsel for the Plaintiff/Lender may file a Notice of Good Faith Communication and may be excused from compliance with this Order. The Notice shall state:

The undersigned counsel for [Plaintiff/Lender] hereby certifies that he/she has personally communicated with [Defendant/Debtor] in connection with this residential foreclosure and the Debtor has not demonstrated any willingness to work with the lender and in the opinion of counsel no useful purpose could be served by a mediation conference.

It is anticipated that the certification permitting the Plaintiff/Lender to forego compliance with mediation will be used sparingly and in light of the ever-evolving programs and forms of relief becoming available. Any attorneys who shall file certifications without personal communication, or who in bad faith engage in efforts to avoid compliance with this Order shall be sanctioned. Attorneys are expected to communicate in person or by telephone with the Defendant/Debtor and a certification may not be filed by an attorney based on communication between the attorney's staff or lender representatives and the Debtor.

7. The Mediation: A representative of the Plaintiff/Lender and/or counsel with full authority to settle must participate in the mediation and attendance of the representative and/or counsel must be continuous throughout the mediation session. If the representative of the Plaintiff/Lender with full authority to settle is more than twenty-five (25) miles from the proposed location of the mediation, or outside this Circuit, attendance by telephone shall be permitted. However, Plaintiff's counsel shall be present in person at the mediation session if the Plaintiff's representative is attending by telephone. Notice of attendance by telephone must be given to the Defendant/Debtor or Defendant's counsel and a toll free number should be provided for use by the mediator or the parties as needed. Defendant and defense counsel, if any, must appear at the mediation in person.

- 8. If the Defendant fails to appear at a properly notice mediation without good cause, or if the matter impasses after mediation, the matter may be promptly noticed for final or summary judgment, provided all of the requirements of the rules of procedure have otherwise been met. If the Plaintiff fails to appear at mediation, or if there is no representative with full settlement authority, the action may be subject to dismissal without prejudice or other sanctions may be imposed as the court deems appropriate including, but not limited to, attorney fees and costs if the Defendant/Debtor is represented by an attorney.
- 9. The certified mediator shall file a report with the court of the result of the mediation within two (2) business days after the completion of the mediation.
- 10. The Defendant/Debtor is obligated to make good faith efforts to comply with reasonable requests for information concerning the Debtor's ability to pay, expenses, and income as a prerequisite to mediation, including but not limited to, providing useful and necessary financial data to the Lender ten (10) days prior to the scheduled mediation. Useful and necessary financial data includes wage, bank account, credit card, and other financial information relating to Debtor's income and debts. By furnishing this information, the Debtor may help the Lender identify potential programs or other means of assistance and potential workouts.
- 11. The Defendant/Debtor is required to bring the fully executed "Defendant/Debtor Financial Information Statement" form, Exhibit "B," to the mediation conference.
- 12. Fees: The initial cost of the first two (2) hours of mediation shall be borne by the Plaintiff/Lender at a rate of \$275.00 for two (2) hours of mediation. Unless otherwise agreed to with the mediator, any fee charged by the mediator shall be paid by the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel at mediation. If mediation takes more than one (1) hour, the fee to be applied shall be at a rate of \$100.00 for each hour thereafter, the cost of which shall be borne equally by Plaintiff/Lender and Defendant. The mediator's fee attributable to Plaintiff may be claimed by the Plaintiff/Lender as costs and included in any final judgment.

- 13. If a Plaintiff/Lender or their counsel fails to appear at mediation, or if the mediator is not notified forty-eight (48) hours in advance by the Plaintiff/Lender or Plaintiff's Counsel that a mediation session has been cancelled or is unnecessary, then the mediator shall be entitled to a cancellation fee equal to two (2) hours of mediation time payable by the Plaintiff, within twenty (20) days of the scheduled mediation date.
- 14. If Defendant or Defendant's counsel fails to appear at mediation, or the mediator is not notified forty-eight (48) hours in advance by Defendant or Defendant's counsel that the mediation session has been cancelled or is unnecessary, the mediator shall be entitled to a cancellation fee equal to two (2) hours of mediation time payable by the Plaintiff, within twenty (20) days of the scheduled mediation date; however, Plaintiff/Lender may claim said cancellation fee as costs in any final judgment against Defendant.
- 15. A one-time, non-refundable administrative fee in the amount of \$50.00 shall be paid by the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel and shall be delivered no later than five (5) days prior to the scheduled mediation to the Osceola County Clerk of the Court, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 1200, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The Osceola County Clerk of the Court shall collect said fee and designate same for the Osceola County Mediation Trust Fund. The administrative fee attributable to Plaintiff may be claimed by the Plaintiff/Lender as costs and included in any final judgment.
- 16. Pursuant to the Mediation Confidentiality and Privilege Act, with the exception of the parties' signed financial affidavits and any other documents which are required or permitted by law to be filed in the public record, all communications, verbal or written, between the parties and from the parties made during the mediation session, shall be confidential and inadmissible as evidence in any subsequent legal proceeding, unless both parties agree otherwise, or unless disclosure is required or permitted by law.

Administrative Order No. 2009-10 is vacated and set aside and has been incorporated and/or amended herein.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this	s day of, 2010
	Belvin Perry, Jr. Chief Judge

Copies to:

Clerk of Courts, Orange County Clerk of Courts, Osceola County General E-Mail Distribution List http://www.nintheireuit.org

Notice to Homeowner Lender Contact and Mediation Information

This Notice to Homeowner is required by Administrative Order of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court for cases pending in Osceola County. It is given to you at the time of service of process by the Plaintiff/Lender, with the summons and complaint for foreclosure. The following contact information and phone numbers and addresses to their loan workout department is for your use. If the Lender has a debt relief or home loan loss mitigation program in effect, information and access to the program including any toll free numbers is provided below:

How to Contact your Lender (on the loan currently being foreclosed for non-payment):

Your Lender is:	
You can call:	
Address of record for foreclosure property:	

Right to Mediation

You may request that the court order mediation in your case before a final judgment or foreclosure sale of your property. You have been served with a complaint from your Lender, **TO WHICH YOU MUST FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN 20 DAYS**. That means deliver or send your answer to the complaint to the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Civil Division, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 1200, Second Floor, Kissimmee, Florida 34741 and send a copy to Plaintiff/Lender's counsel any other parties in the lawsuit. In that answer, or by separate pleading, you can request mediation. By requesting mediation you are not excused from filing an answer to the complaint being served on you. You must answer the complaint WITHIN 20 DAYS or you will be in default in the lawsuit. The answer to the complaint must include the court case number.

Mediation is most appropriate where you have already tried to contact your Lender (or have been unable to) and still feel you have the financial ability to reinstate or modify your loan or come to some other mutually agreeable workout. In mediation, you will be required to meet with a representative of the Lender who has authority to discuss your loan and with a mediator who will try to facilitate a settlement. By electing to participate in this mediation program you are agreeing to disclose, at least 10 days prior to the scheduled mediation session, useful and necessary financial information to the Lender and/or the Lender's legal representative including but not limited to: your wage, bank account, credit card, and other financial information relating to your income and debts to the mediation. It is the Debtor's obligation to continue to supplement all financial information so provided. In order to effectively prepare for mediation and negotiate in good faith, the Lender may further specify other useful and necessary financial information to be provided to Lender prior to the mediation session when completing and sending this Exhibit to the Debtor. You may discuss: 1) reinstatement of the mortgage, 2) refinance, 3) sale of your home, or 4) foreclosure sale. If you require an interpreter, it is your duty to secure an interpreter for the mediation session.

Additional information regarding mortgage foreclosures and landlord/tenant matters is available at the **Family Court Programs Office**, Room 3100, 3rd Floor of the Osceola County Courthouse located at 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741. Information on how to find a lawyer is available from the Florida Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service by calling 1-800-342-8011.

Exhibit "B"

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

			Case No.:
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vs.			
Defend	ant,		
	,	DEFENDANT/DEBTOR FIN	ANCIAL INFORMATION STATEMENT
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true:	legai	name},	being sworn, state that the following information
	1.	My Occupation is:	
	2.	I am ()employed ()unemployed	()retired ()disabled ()other
	3.	Name of Employer:	
		Address:	
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YPE OF		NTHLY INCOME: Salary or wages	\$
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SECTION III. AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES:

Α.	HOUSEHOLD:		
	Mortgage or Rent	\$	
	Equity Loan/Line	\$	
	Home Insurance	\$	····
	Property Taxes	\$	
	Electricity	\$	_
	Water & Sewer	\$	_
	Gas	\$	
	Telephone	\$	
	Cellular #1	\$	
	Cellular #2	\$	_
	Cable	\$	
	Waste removal	\$	
		\$	
	Repairs Food	Φ \$	_
	Other	\$ \$	
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	Sub Total	*****************	\$
т.	ATTRICATORY TO		
в.,	AUTOMOBILE:	Φ	
	Vehicle #1 Payment	\$	_
	Vehicle #2 Payment	\$	
	Vehicle #3 Payment	\$	_
	Insurance(s)	\$	_
	Gasoline	\$	
	Repairs	\$	
	Other	\$.
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В.	INSURANCE:	•	
	Health Insurance	\$	
	Dental Insurance	\$	
	Life Insurance	\$	
	Disability Insurance	\$	
	Other Insurance	\$	
	Sub Total		\$
С.	LOANS/CREDITORS:		
	Personal Loan	\$	_
	Personal Loan	\$	_
	Student Loan	\$	
	Credit Card #1	\$	
	Credit Card #2	\$	<u> </u>
	Credit Card #3	\$	
	Other	\$	_
	Sub Total		\$
D.	LEGAL:		
	Alimony payments	\$	
	Child support payments	\$	_
	Liens or Judgments		
	Liens or judgments	\$	
	Other	Ф \$	=

E.	CHILDREN:		
	Child/Day Care	\$	
	School Tuition	\$	-
	School Supplies	\$	
	Lunch Money	\$	_
	Clothing	\$	
	Grooming	\$ \$	
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	Toys/Educational		
	Other	\$	
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F.	GIFTS & DONATION		
	Religious organizations	\$	
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G.	SAVINGS OR INVEST		
	Retirement Account		_
	Investment Account	\$	<u></u>
	College-Pre Paid	\$	
	Other	\$	-
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Н.	OTHER EXPENSES:		
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SECTION	IV: ASSETS AND THE	IR VALUE	
	TYPE OF ASSETS		
	Cash on hand	\$	
	Cash (in banks, credit un	ions) \$	
	Stocks, Bonds, Notes	\$	
	Any other real estate	\$	•
	Other personal property	\$	
	Retirement plan: (Profit	sharing.	
	IRA, 401(k)s, etc)	\$	
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	Other_		
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	TOTAL ASSETS	\$	
SECTION	V: CONTINGENT ASS	SETS AND LIAB	ILITIES
	TYPE OF CONTINGE	INT ASSETS	
	Income potential	\$	
	Accrued Vacations	\$	
	Bonuses	\$	
	Inheritance	φ	

Pending Lawsuit Claims \$	
Other\$	
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TYPE OF CONTINGENT LIABILIT	TES
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Tax liabilities \$	
Debts assumed \$	
Other\$	
TOTAL OF CONTINGENT LIABIL	ITTES\$
I certify that a copy of this document wa person(s) listed below on (date)	s (check one)mailedfaxed orhand delivered to the
Petitioner or his/her attorney:	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Fax Number:	
	firming under oath to the truthfulness of the statements made vingly making a false statement includes fines and/or
Dated:	
	Signature of the Debtor
	Print Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF OSCEOLA	
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Produced identification	
Type of identification produced	•

Exhibit "C"

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: DIVISION:
Plaintiff/Lender,
vs.
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Defendant/Debtor.
MOTION FOR TELEPHONIC CONCILIATION CONFERENCE
COMES NOW the Defendant/Debtor and moves the Court for an Order for Telephonic Conciliation Conference. In support of this motion, movant states:
(1) That movant has attached a completed "Defendant/Debtor Financial Information Sheet" to this motion.
(2) That if movant fails to appear for a properly noticed conciliation conference without good cause, or if the matter impasses after the conciliation conference, the matter may be promptly noticed for summary judgment in accordance with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedurif final summary judgment has not already been entered.
WHEREFORE, movant prays that the Court enter an Order for Telephonic Conciliation Conference requiring the parties to conciliate the disputed issues.
Signed:
Signed: Defendant/Debtor
print name
Defendant/Debtor's Address:
Defendant/Debtor's Phone No.:

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify t	that a true and correct cop	y of the foregoing motion has been furnished
via U.S. Mail this	day of	, 20, to the Plaintiff/Lender
(Name of Plaintiff/Lender)	(Address of Lender)	
	Sign	ned:
		Defendant/Debtor

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER GOVERNING CASE MANAGEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL FORECLOSURE CASES AND MANDATORY REFERRAL OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CASES INVOLVING HOMESTEAD RESIDENCES TO MEDIATION, OSCEOLA COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice, and rule 2.215(b)(3), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, mandates the Chief Judge to "develop an administrative plan for the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit;" and

WHEREAS, rule 2.545 of the Rules of Judicial Administration requires that the trial courts "...take charge of all cases at an early stage in the litigation and...control the progress of the case thereafter until the case is determined...", which includes "...identifying cases subject to alternative dispute resolution processes;" and

WHEREAS, Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, and rules 1.700-1.750, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, provide a framework for court-ordered mediation of civil actions, except those matters expressly excluded by rule 1.710(b), which does not exclude residential mortgage foreclosure actions; and

WHEREAS, residential mortgage foreclosure case filings have increased substantially in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and state and county budget constraints have limited the ability of the courts in the Ninth Judicial Circuit to manage these cases in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Florida has determined that mandatory mediation of homestead residential mortgage foreclosure actions prior to the matter being set for final hearing will facilitate the laudable goals of communication, facilitation, problem-solving between the parties with the emphasis on self-determination, the parties' needs and interests, procedural flexibility, full disclosure, fairness, and confidentiality. Referring these cases to mediation will also

facilitate and provide a more efficient use of limited judicial and clerk resources in a court system that is already overburdened;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belvin Perry, Jr., pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, order the following, effective July 2, 2010, and to continue until further order:

Scope

1. Residential Mortgage Foreclosures. This Administrative Order shall apply to all residential mortgage foreclosure actions filed in Osceola County in which the origination of the note and mortgage sued upon was subject to the provisions of the Federal Truth in Lending Act, Regulation Z. However, compliance with this Order varies depending on whether the property secured by the mortgage is a homestead residence.

The parties to the foreclosure action shall comply with the conditions and requirements imposed by this Order.

Upon the effective date of this Order, <u>all newly filed</u> mortgage foreclosure actions filed against a homestead residence shall be referred to the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation (RMFM) Program unless:

- (a) the plaintiff and borrower agree in writing otherwise; or
- (b) unless pre-suit mediation was conducted in accordance to paragraph 24.

In actions to foreclose a mortgage on a homestead residence, the plaintiff and borrower shall attend at least one mediation session, unless:

- (a) the plaintiff and borrower agree in writing not to participate in the RMFM Program; or
- (b) the Program Manager files a notice of borrower nonparticipation.

Upon the effective date of this Order, <u>all newly filed</u> residential mortgage foreclosure actions involving property that is not a homestead residence shall comply with the requirements of filing a Form A as required by paragraph 5 below and the requirements of paragraph 18 below (plaintiff's certification as to settlement authority).

At the discretion of the presiding judge, compliance with this Order may also be required:

- (a) for homestead residential mortgage foreclosure actions filed prior to the effective date of this Order;
- (b) to residences which are not homestead residences; and
- (c) any other residential foreclosure action the presiding judge deems appropriate.

A party requesting that the case be sent to mediation with the RMFM Program at the discretion of the presiding judge shall make the request in format of Exhibit 3 attached.

2. Referral to Mediation. This Order constitutes a formal referral to mediation pursuant to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure in actions involving a mortgage foreclosure of a homestead residence. The plaintiff and borrower are deemed to have stipulated to mediation by a mediator assigned by the Program Manager unless pursuant to rule 1.720(f), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the plaintiff and borrower file a written stipulation choosing not to participate in the RMFM Program. Referral to the RMFM Program is for administration and management of the mediation process and assignment of a Florida Supreme Court certified circuit civil mediator who has been trained in mediating residential mortgage foreclosure actions and who has agreed to be on the panel of available certified circuit civil mediators. Mediation through the RMFM Program shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.

- 3. Compliance Prior to Judgment. The parties must comply with this Order and the mediation process must be completed before the plaintiff applies for default judgment, a summary judgment hearing, or a final hearing in an action to foreclose a mortgage on a homestead residence unless a notice of nonparticipation is filed by the Program Manager.
- **4.** Delivery of Notice of RMFM Program with Summons. After the effective date of this Order, in all actions to foreclose a mortgage on residential property the clerk of court shall attach to the summons to be served on each defendant a notice regarding managed mediation for homestead residences in the format of Exhibit 2 attached.

Additionally, the clerk of court shall provide a daily list of each homestead foreclosure filing, with the case number, to the Program Manager.

Procedure

5. Responsibilities of Plaintiff's Counsel; Form A. When suit is filed, counsel for the plaintiff must file a completed Form A with the clerk of court. If the property is a homestead residence, all certifications in Form A must be filled out completely. Within one (1) business day after Form A is filed with the clerk of court, counsel for plaintiff shall also electronically transmit a copy of Form A to the Program Manager along with the court case number of the action and contact information for all of the parties. The contact information must include at a minimum the last known mailing address and phone number for each party.

Within ten (10) days after Form A is filed with the clerk of court, counsel for plaintiff shall send a check or money order made payable to the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 1500, Kissimmee, Florida 34741 in the amount of \$400.00. PLAINTIFF SHALL ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF FORM A TO THE CHECK. This amount is for the administrative fee component of the RMFM Program as detailed in paragraph 20 of this Order. The check must match the information

provided on Form A and the court case number must be included on the check. NO
PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Counsel for the plaintiff shall also send borrower, at borrower's last known mailing address, a copy of the complaint, a copy of the summons and a copy of Exhibit 2 of this

Order, Notice of RMFM Program to be Served with Summons, via U.S. Mail within forty-eight (48) hours of filing the complaint.

As different payment options become available, the Program Manager may change payment acceptance terms without the necessity of amending this Administrative Order.

In Form A, plaintiff's counsel must affirmatively certify whether the origination of the note and mortgage sued upon was subject to the provisions of the Federal Truth in Lending Act, Regulation Z. In Form A, plaintiff's counsel must also affirmatively certify whether the property is a homestead residence. Plaintiff's counsel is not permitted to respond to the certification with "unknown," "unsure," "not applicable," or similar nonresponsive statements.

If the property is a homestead residence and if the case is not exempt based on presuit mediation conducted in accordance with paragraph 24 below, plaintiff's counsel shall further certify in Form A the identity of the plaintiff's representative who will appear at mediation. Plaintiff's counsel may designate more than one plaintiff's representative. At least one of the plaintiff's representatives designated in Form A must attend any mediation session scheduled pursuant to this Order.

Form A may be amended to change the designated plaintiff's representative, and the amended Form A must be filed with the court no later than five (5) days prior to the mediation session. All amended Forms A must be electronically transmitted to the Program Manager via a secure dedicated e-mail address or on the web-enabled information platform described in paragraph 8 no later than one (1) business day after being filed with the clerk of court.

6. Responsibilities of Borrower. Upon the Program Manager receiving a copy of Form A, the Program Manager shall begin efforts to contact the borrower to explain the RMFM Program to the borrower and the requirements that the borrower must comply with to obtain a mediation. The Program Manager shall also ascertain whether the borrower wants to participate in the RMFM Program.

The borrower must do the following prior to mediation being scheduled:

- (a) consult with an approved mortgage foreclosure counselor; and
- (b) provide to the Program Manager the information required by the Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation in the format of Exhibit 5 attached within thirty (30) days from the date suit is filed.

The Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation will vary depending on the type of modification, short sale or other relief sought in mediation. It shall be the responsibility of the Program Manager to transmit the Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation via a secure dedicated e-mail address or to upload same to the web-enabled information platform described in paragraph 8; however, the Program Manager is not responsible or liable for the accuracy of the borrower's financial information.

7. Plaintiff's Disclosure for Mediation. Within the time limit stated below, prior to attending mediation the borrower may make a written request for any of the following information and documents from the plaintiff:

Documentary evidence the plaintiff is the owner and holder in due course of the note and mortgage sued upon.

A history showing the application of all payments by the borrower during the life of the loan.

A statement of the plaintiff's position on the present net value of the mortgage loan.

The most current appraisal of the property available to the plaintiff.

A separate line item for any fees, costs, interest, penalties or other charges that the plaintiff is asserting may be due and owing.

The borrower must deliver a written request for such information to the Program Manager in the format of Exhibit 6 attached no later than twenty (20) days prior to the mediation session. The Program Manager shall promptly electronically transmit the request for information to plaintiff's counsel.

Plaintiff's counsel is responsible for ensuring that the Plaintiff's Disclosure for Mediation is electronically transmitted via a secure dedicated e-mail address or to the web-enabled information platform described in paragraph 8 below no later than five (5) business days before the mediation session. The Program Manager shall immediately deliver a copy of Plaintiff's Disclosure for Mediation to the borrower.

- 8. Information to be Provided on Web-Enabled Information Platform. All information to be provided to the Program Manager to advance the mediation process, such as Form A, Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation, Plaintiff's Disclosure for Mediation, as well as the case number of the action and contact information for the parties, should be submitted via a secure dedicated e-mail address or in a web-enabled information platform with XML data elements.
- 9. Nonparticipation by Borrower. If the borrower does not want participate in the RMFM Program, or if the borrower fails or refuses to cooperate with the Program Manager, or if the Program Manager is unable to contact the borrower, the Program Manager shall file a notice of nonparticipation in the format of Exhibit 4 attached. The notice of nonparticipation shall be filed no later than 30 days after suit is filed. A copy of the notice of nonparticipation shall be served on the parties by the Program Manager.

- 10. Referral to Foreclosure Counseling. The Program Manager shall be responsible for referring the borrower to a foreclosure counselor prior to scheduling mediation. Selection from a list of foreclosure counselors certified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development may be by rotation or by such other procedures as may be adopted by the Chief Judge in the county in which the action is pending. The borrower's failure to participate in foreclosure counseling may be cause for terminating the case from the RMFM Program.
- 11. Referrals for Legal Representation. In actions referred to the RMFM Program, the Program Manager shall advise any borrower who is not represented by an attorney that the borrower has a right to consult with an attorney at any time during the mediation process and the right to bring an attorney to the mediation session. The Program Manager shall also advise the borrower that the borrower may apply for a volunteer pro bono attorney in programs run by lawyer referral, legal services, and legal aid programs as may exist within this Circuit.

If the borrower applies to one of those agencies and is coupled with a legal services attorney or a volunteer pro bono attorney, the attorney shall file a notice of appearance with the clerk of the court and provide a copy to the attorney for the plaintiff and the Program Manager. The appearance may be limited to representation only to assist the borrower with mediation but, if a borrower secures the services of an attorney, counsel of record must attend the mediation.

12. Scheduling Mediation. The plaintiff's representative, plaintiff's counsel, and the borrower are all required to comply with the time limitations imposed by this Order and attend a mediation session as scheduled by the Program Manager.

Within forty-five (45) days after suit is filed, the Program Manager shall schedule a mediation session.

The mediation session shall be scheduled for a date and time convenient for the plaintiff's representative, the borrower, and counsel for the plaintiff and the borrower, using a mediator

from the panel of Florida Supreme Court certified circuit civil mediators who have been specially trained to mediate residential mortgage foreclosure disputes. Mediation sessions will be held at a suitable location(s) within this Circuit obtained by the Program Manager for mediation. Mediation shall be completed within the time requirements established by rule 1.710(a), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Mediation shall not be scheduled until the borrower has had an opportunity to meet with an approved foreclosure counselor.

Mediation shall not be scheduled earlier than fifteen (15) days after the Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation has been transmitted to the plaintiff via a secure dedicated email address or uploaded to the web-enabled information platform described in paragraph 8. Once the date, time, and place of the mediation session have been scheduled by the Program Manager, the Program Manager shall promptly file with the clerk of court and serve on all parties a notice of the mediation session.

13. Attendance at Mediation. The following persons are required to be physically present at the mediation session: (a) the borrower; (b) the borrower's counsel of record, if any; (c) the plaintiff's lawyer; and (d) the plaintiff's representative with full authority to settle as designated in the most recently filed Form A. However, the plaintiff's representative may appear at mediation through the use of communication equipment, if plaintiff files and serves at least five (5) days prior to the mediation a notice in the format of Exhibit 7 attached advising that the plaintiff's representative will be attending through the use of communication equipment and designating the person who has full authority to sign any settlement agreement reached. Plaintiff's counsel may be designated as the person with full authority to sign the settlement agreement.

At the time that the mediation is scheduled to physically commence, but prior to the commencement of the mediation conference, and prior to any discussion of the case in the

presence of the mediator, the Program Manager or designee shall take a written roll consisting of the signature and printed name of each party present. That written roll is a determination of the presence of: (a) the borrower; (b) the borrower's counsel of record, if any; (c) the plaintiff's lawyer; and (d) the plaintiff's representative with full authority to settle. Determination of plaintiff's representative's full authority to settle shall be verified through completion of a certificate affirming said representative has full authority to settle. Said certificate must be signed by the plaintiff's representative appearing at the mediation, or by plaintiff's counsel, and may be provided to the Program Manager prior to the mediation, or signed at the mediation.

If the Program Manager, or designee, determines that anyone is not present, it shall be reported as a nonappearance on the written roll. If the Program Manager, or designee, determines that the plaintiff's representative present does not have full authority to settle, it shall be reported on the written roll that the plaintiff's representative did not appear with full settlement authority as required by this Order. If a party appears via telephonic means, that should be notated by the Program Manager, or designee, or the mediator on the written roll. The written roll and communication of authority to the Program Manager, or designee, is not a mediation communication.

The authorization by this Order for the plaintiff's representative to appear through the use of communication equipment is pursuant to rule 1.720(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure (court order may alter physical appearance requirement), and in recognition of the emergency situation created by the massive number of residential foreclosure cases being filed in this Circuit and the impracticality of requiring physical attendance of a plaintiff's representative at every mediation. Additional reasons for authorizing appearance through the use of communication equipment for mortgage foreclosure mediation include a number of protective factors that do not exist in other civil cases, namely the administration of the program by a program manager, pre-

mediation counseling for the borrower, and required disclosure of information prior to mediation.

The implementation of this Order shall not create any expectation that appearance through the use of communication equipment will be authorized in other civil cases.

If the plaintiff's representative attends mediation through the use of communication equipment, the person authorized by the plaintiff to sign a settlement agreement must be physically present at mediation. If the plaintiff's representative attends mediation through the use of communication equipment, the plaintiff's representative must remain on the communication equipment at all times during the entire mediation session. If the plaintiff's representative attends through the use of communication equipment, and if the mediation results in an impasse, within five (5) days after the mediation session, the plaintiff's representative shall file in the court file a certification in the format of Exhibit 8 attached as to whether the plaintiff's representative attended mediation. If the mediation results in an impasse after the appearance of the plaintiff's representative through the use of communication equipment, the failure to timely file the certification regarding attendance through the use of communication equipment shall be grounds to impose sanctions against the plaintiff, including requiring the physical appearance of the plaintiff's representative at a second mediation, taxation of the costs of a second mediation to the plaintiff, or dismissal of the action.

Junior lienholders may appear at mediation by a representative with full settlement authority. If a junior lienholder is a governmental entity comprised of an elected body, such junior lienholder may appear at mediation by a representative who has authority to recommend settlement to the governing body. Counsel for any junior lienholder may also attend the mediation. The participants physically attending mediation may consult on the telephone during the mediation with other persons as long as such other persons have been informed of the confidentiality provisions and requirements of sections 44.401-406, Florida Statutes.

14. Failure to Appear at Mediation. If either the plaintiff's representative designated in the most recently filed Form A or the borrower fails to appear at a properly noticed mediation and the mediation does not occur, or when a mediation results in an impasse, the Mediation Report shall notify the presiding judge regarding who appeared at mediation without making further comment as to the reasons for an impasse. The Program Manager shall attach a copy of the written roll as described in paragraph 13 of this Order to the Mediation Report.

If the borrower fails to appear, or if the mediation results in an impasse with all required parties present, and if the borrower has been lawfully served with a copy of the complaint, and if the time for filing a responsive pleading has passed, the matter may proceed to a final hearing, summary judgment, or default final judgment in accordance with the rules of civil procedure without any further requirement to attend mediation.

If plaintiff's counsel or the plaintiff's representative fails to appear, the court may dismiss the action without prejudice, order plaintiff's counsel or the plaintiff's representative(s) to appear at mediation, or impose such other sanctions as the court deems appropriate including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs if the borrower is represented by an attorney. If the borrower or borrower's counsel of record fails to appear, the court may impose such other sanctions as the court deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs.

15. Written Settlement Agreement; Mediation Report. If a partial or final agreement is reached, it shall be reduced to writing and signed by the parties and their counsel, if any.

Pursuant to rule 1.730(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, if a partial or full settlement agreement is reached, the mediator shall report the existence of the signed or transcribed agreement to the court without comment. If the parties do not reach an agreement as to any matter as a result of mediation, the mediator shall report the lack of an agreement to the court without comment or recommendation. In the case of an impasse, the report shall advise the court

who attended the mediation, and a copy of Form A or any amended Form A shall be attached to the report for the court to determine if at least one of the plaintiff's representative named in Form A appeared for mediation. The mediator's report to the court shall be in the format of Exhibit 9 attached. Each mediation report shall be completed and reported to the Program Manager, or designee, immediately after each mediation session. The Program Manager, or designee, shall then file each mediation report with the clerk of court.

16. Mediation Communications. All mediation communications occurring as a result of this Order, including information provided to the Program Manager that is not filed with the court, with the exception of the written roll as specified in paragraph 13, shall be confidential and inadmissible in any subsequent legal proceeding pursuant to Chapter 44, Florida Statutes, the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators, unless otherwise provided for by law.

17. Failure to Comply with Administrative Order. In all residential foreclosure actions, if a notice for trial, motion for default final judgment, or motion for summary judgment is filed with the clerk of court, no action will be taken by the court to set a final hearing or enter a summary or default final judgment until the requirements of this Order have been met. In cases involving a homestead residence, the presiding judge shall require that copies of either 1) the most recently filed Form A and the report of the mediator, or 2) the most recently filed Form A and the notice of borrower's nonparticipation be sent to the presiding judge by the plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel prior to setting a final hearing or delivered with the packet requesting a summary or default final judgment.

The failure of a party to fully comply with the provisions of this Order may result in the imposition of any sanctions available to the court, including dismissal of the cause of action without further notice.

18. Mediation Not Required If Residence Is Not Homestead. If the plaintiff certifies in Form A that the property is NOT a homestead residence when suit is filed, plaintiff's counsel must file and serve with the complaint a certification identifying the agent of plaintiff who has full authority to settle the case without further consultation. The certification shall be in the form of Exhibit 10 attached.

If the plaintiff certifies in Form A that the property is **NOT** a homestead residence, the matter may proceed to a final hearing, summary judgment, or default final judgment in accordance with the rules of civil procedure without any further requirement to attend mediation, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge.

RMFM Program Timelines

19. RMFM Program Timelines. The following timelines shall be followed:

Suit is filed

Form A filed with Complaint Notice of RMFM Program attached to Summons

1 business day after suit is filed

Form A electronically transmitted to Program Manager by Plaintiff's counsel

48 hours after suit is filed

Counsel for the plaintiff shall send borrower, at borrower's last known mailing address, a copy of the complaint, a copy of the summons and a copy of Exhibit 2 of this Order, Notice of RMFM Program to be Served with Summons, via U.S. Mail

10 days after suit is filed

Form A and program fee payment submitted to Program Manager by Plaintiff's counsel

Within 30 days from date suit is filed

Borrower must contact Program Manager Borrower meets with foreclosure counselor Borrower must complete and submit Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation to Program Manager

45 days after suit is filed mediation session is scheduled

10 days prior to mediation session

Program Manager electronically transmits Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation to Plaintiff

10 days prior to mediation session

Borrower makes written request for Plaintiff's Disclosure for Mediation if desired. Plaintiff is to submit requested materials no later than 5 days prior to mediation session

5 days prior to mediation session

Any amended Form A designation of the plaintiff's representative must be filed with the Clerk

Plaintiff's counsel transmits Plaintiff's Financial Disclosure for Mediation to Program Manager

1 day prior to mediation session

Any amended Form A designation of the plaintiff's representative must be transmitted to Program Manager

30 days after suit is filed

Notice of Nonparticipation filed by Program Manager, if applicable.

RMFM Program Fees

- 20. RMFM Program Fees. The fee structure for the RMFM Program is based on the assumption that a successful mediation can be accomplished with one mediation session.

 Accordingly, pursuant to rule 1.720(g), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the reasonable program fees for the managed mediation, including foreclosure counseling, the mediator's fee, and administration of the managed mediation program, is a total of no more than \$700.00 payable as follows:
 - 1) \$400.00 paid by plaintiff to the Program Manager within ten (10) days after filing Form A with the clerk of court for administrative fees of the RMFM Program, including outreach to the borrower and foreclosure counseling fees; and
 - 2) \$300.00 paid by plaintiff at the time of the mediation for the mediation fee component of the RMFM Program fees.

Payment, consisting of the administrative fee component, must be sent to the Program Manager within ten (10) days after filing Form A with the clerk of court. A photocopy of Form A must accompany payment, and the information on the payment must match the information recorded on Form A. Payment shall be in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners. No personal checks

will be accepted. The court case number must be recorded on the check. The Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 1500, Kissimmee, Florida 34741 who shall collect said fees and designate same for the Osceola County RMFM Program Fees Trust Fund.

If more than one mediation session is needed, the total program fee stated above will also cover a second mediation session. However, if an additional mediation session is needed after the second session, the plaintiff shall be responsible for the payment of the program fees for such additional mediation sessions, unless the parties agree otherwise. The program fees for the third and each subsequent mediation session shall be no more than \$150.00 per hour with a minimum of two (2) hours per session. All administrative fees shall be paid directly to the Program Manager, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, in the form of a check made out to the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners. The Program Manager shall collect and record each fee payment received, designate same for the Osceola County RMFM Program Fees Trust Fund, and forward each fee payment to the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners finance department for deposit in the Osceola County RMFM Program Fees Trust Fund. The mediation fee shall be paid directly to the mediator at the time of the scheduled mediation.

If the case is not resolved through the mediation process, the presiding judge may tax the program fees as a cost or apply it as a set off in the final judgment of foreclosure.

If the borrower cannot be located, chooses not to participate in the RMFM Program, or if the borrower does not make any contact with the foreclosure counselor, the plaintiff shall be entitled to a refund of the portion of the Program fees attributable to foreclosure counseling. The refund shall not exceed \$125.00 and shall be determined by the Program Manager. If mediation is scheduled and the borrower announces an intention not to participate further in the RMFM Program prior to the mediation session, or if the case settles and the Program Manager has notice

of the settlement at least five (5) days prior to the mediation session, the plaintiff shall be entitled to a refund of the Program fees allocated for the mediation session. If notice of settlement is not received by the Program Manager at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled mediation session, the plaintiff shall not be entitled to any refund of mediation fees.

The total fees include the mediator's fees and costs; the cost for the borrower to attend a foreclosure counseling session with an approved mortgage foreclosure counselor; and the cost to the Program Manager for administration of the managed mediation program which includes but is not limited to providing neutral meeting and caucus space, scheduling, telephone lines and instruments, infrastructure to support a secure dedicated e-mail address or other secure system for information transmittal, and other related expenses incurred in managing the foreclosure mediation program.

Program Manager to Monitor Compliance and Satisfaction

21. Monitoring Compliance Concerning Certain Provisions of This Order,

Satisfaction with RMFM Program, and Program Operation. The Program Manager shall be responsible for monitoring whether Form A has been filed in all residential foreclosure actions that commence after the effective date of this Order and whether the RMFM Program fees have been paid if the residence is a homestead residence. The Program Manager shall send compliance reports to the Chief Judge or the Chief Judge's designee in the format requested by the Chief Judge. The reports shall be monthly or quarterly as determined by the Chief Judge.

The Program Manager shall also copy the foreclosure docket case manager on the results of each mediation.

The Program Manager may assist with enforcing compliance with this Order upon filing a written motion pursuant to rule 1.100(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, stating with particularity the grounds therefore and the relief or order sought. Example orders are attached as

Exhibit 11. The Program Manager shall also provide the Chief Judge with periodic reports as to whether plaintiffs and borrowers are satisfied with the RMFM Program. The Program Manager shall also provide the Chief Judge with reports containing statistical information about the status of cases in the RMFM Program and RMFM Program finances in the format and with the frequency requested by the Chief Judge. The reports shall be monthly or quarterly as determined by the Chief Judge.

The Program Manager shall also implement a reporting system to collect data on the number of cases referred to the program and whether the cases settled, adjourned, or ended in impasse. Further, the Program Manager shall track the percentage of cases referred to the Program that result in the Program Manager successfully contacting borrowers; the percentage of scheduled mediations failing to go forward because plaintiff's representative did not appear; the percentage of scheduled mediations failing to go forward because the borrower did not appear; and the percentage of mediations resulting in partial or complete agreements compared to those resulting in impasse.

22. Designation of Plaintiff Liaisons with RMFM Program. Any plaintiff who has filed five (5) or more foreclosure actions in the Ninth Judicial Circuit while this Order is in effect shall appoint two RMFM Program liaisons, one of whom shall be a lawyer and the other a representative of the entity servicing the plaintiff's mortgages, if any, and, if none, a representative of the plaintiff. Plaintiff's counsel shall provide written notice of the name, phone number (including extension), e-mail, and mailing address of both liaisons to the Chief Judge and the Program Manager within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order, and on the first Monday of each February thereafter while this Order is in effect.

The liaisons shall be informed of the requirements of this Order and shall be capable of answering questions concerning the administrative status of pending cases and the party's

internal procedures relating to the processing of foreclosure cases, and be readily accessible to discuss administrative and logistical issues affecting the progress of the plaintiff's cases through the RMFM Program. Plaintiff's counsel shall promptly inform the Chief Judge and the Program Manager of any changes in designation of the liaisons and the contact information of the liaisons. The liaisons shall act as the Court's point of contact in the event the plaintiff fails to comply with this Order on multiple occasions and there is a need to communicate with the plaintiff concerning administrative matters of mutual interest.

List of Participating Mediators and Rotation of Mediators

23. List of Participating Mediators and Rotation of Mediators. The Program Manager shall post on the Ninth Judicial Circuit's website the list of Florida Supreme Court certified mediators to be used to implement the RMFM Program. "Mediator" means only those mediators who are certified by the Florida Supreme Court as Circuit Civil Mediators, who reside or have a primary practice in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, who have received and completed the special mortgage foreclosure training as mandated by the Florida Supreme Court, who also have received and completed training as provided by the Program Manager as to local procedure regarding the RMFM Program, and any additional training provided thereafter by the Program Manager.

Assignment of mediators shall be on a rotation basis as determined by the Program

Manager that fairly spreads work throughout the pool of mediators working in the RMFM

Program, unless the parties mutually agree on a specific mediator or the case requires a particular skill on the part of the mediator.

Pre-Suit Mediation Encouraged

24. *Pre-Suit Mediation*. Mortgage lenders, whether private individuals, commercial institutions, or mortgage servicing companies, are encouraged to use any form of alternative

dispute resolution, including mediation, *before* filing a mortgage foreclosure lawsuit with the clerk of the court. Lenders are encouraged to enter into the mediation process with their borrowers *prior* to filing foreclosure actions to reduce the costs to the parties for maintaining the litigation and to reduce to the greatest extent possible the stress on the limited resources of the courts caused by the large numbers of such actions being filed across the State and, in particular, in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

If the parties participated in pre-suit mediation using the RMFM Program the plaintiff shall so certify in Form A, in which case the plaintiff and borrower shall not be required to participate in mediation again unless ordered to do so by the presiding judge. A borrower may file a motion contesting whether pre-suit mediation occurred in substantial compliance with the RMFM Program.

Nothing in this paragraph precludes the presiding judge from sending the case to mediation after suit is filed, even if pre-suit mediation resulted in an impasse or there was a breach of the pre-suit mediation agreement.

Effective Date

25. This Administrative Order shall be effective Tuesday, July 2, 2010, and shall apply to all residential homestead foreclosure cases filed beginning 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010, until further notice from the Chief Judge.

Administrative Order No. 2009-10, as amended, remains in full force and effect as to those cases filed prior to 12:01 a.m. on July 2, 2010, until further notice from the Chief Judge.

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Belvin Perry, Jr.	
Chief Judge	

Copies to:

Clerk of Courts, Orange County Clerk of Courts, Osceola County General E-Mail Distribution List http://www.nintheircuit.org Please complete and electronically transmit copy to Program Manager at RMFM@ocnjcc.org and file original with the Clerk of Court. Additionally, a photocopy of the completed form must be attached to program fees payment.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Certificate of Plaintiff's Counsel Regarding Plaintiff's Representative at Mediation

THE UNDERSIGNED, as counsel of record for plaintiff and as an officer of the court, certifies the following is a list of the persons, one of whom will represent the plaintiff in mediation with full authority to modify the existing loan and mortgage and to settle the foreclosure case, and with authority to sign a settlement agreement on behalf of the plaintiff (list name, address, phone number, facsimile number, and email address):

Plaintiff's counsel understands the mediator or the RMFM Program Manager may report to the court who appears at mediation and, if at least one of plaintiff's representatives named above does not appear at mediation, sanctions may be imposed by the court for failure to appear. As required by the Administrative Order, plaintiff's counsel will transmit electronically to the RMFM Program Manager the case number of this action, the contact information regarding the parties, and a copy of this Form A.

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EXHIBIT 2 NOTICE OF RMFM PROGRAM TO BE SERVED WITH SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

A NOTICE FROM THE COURT REGARDING LAWSUITS TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGES ON HOMES

If you are being sued to foreclose the mortgage on your primary home and your home has a homestead exemption and if you are the person who borrowed the money for the mortgage, you have a right to go to "mediation." At "mediation," you will meet with a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator appointed by the court and also a representative of the company asking to foreclosure your mortgage to see if you and the company suing you can work out an agreement to stop the foreclosure. The mediator will not be allowed to give you legal advice or to give you an opinion about the lawsuit. The mediator's job is to remain neutral and not take sides, but to give both sides a chance to talk to each other to see if an agreement can be reached to stop the foreclosure. If you and the company suing you come to an agreement, a settlement agreement will be written up and signed by you and the company suing you. With some limited exceptions, what each side says at the mediation is confidential and the judge will not know what was said at mediation.

You will not have to pay anything to participate in this mediation program. To participate in mediation, as soon as practical, you must contact the Program Manager by calling (407) 742-2457 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To participate in mediation, you must also provide financial information to the mediator and meet with an approved foreclosure counselor prior to mediation. You will not be charged any additional amount for meeting with a foreclosure counselor. You may also request certain information from the company suing you before going to mediation.

The Program Manager will explain more about the mediation program to you when you call. If you have attended mediation arranged by the Program Manager prior to being served with this lawsuit, and if mediation did not result in a settlement, you may file a motion asking the court to send the case to mediation again if your financial circumstances have changed since the first mediation.

AS STATED IN THE SUMMONS SERVED ON YOU, YOU OR YOUR LAWYER MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED. YOU OR YOUR LAWYER MUST ALSO SEND A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY. YOU MUST TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT EVEN IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN MEDIATION.

/s/ Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

EXHIBIT 3 BORROWER'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN RMFM PROGRAM

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No(s).: Plaintiff(s). VS. Defendant(s). BORROWER'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN RMFM PROGRAM , (printed name), as the borrower on the mortgage sued upon in this case, hereby requests that this case be referred by the court to mediation using the RMFM Program. The undersigned states, under penalty of perjury, that he or she is currently living on the property as a primary residence and the property has a homestead tax exemption. Signed on _______, 20____. (Signature) (Printed Name) (Current Address and Phone Number)

[Certificate of Service on the parties]

(E-Mail Address)

EXHIBIT 4 NOTICE OF BORROWER'S NONPARTICIPATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No(s).: Plaintiff(s), vs. Defendant(s). NOTICE OF BORROWER NONPARTICIPATION WITH RMFM PROGRAM The Program Manager hereby gives notice to the court that (Borrower) will not be participating in the RMFM Program because: ☐ Borrower has advised that [he/she] does not wish to participate in mediation for this case; ☐ Borrower has failed or refuses to meet with a foreclosure counselor; ☐ Borrower has failed or refuses to comply with the Borrower's Financial Disclosure for Mediation; ☐ The RMFM Program has been unable to contact Borrower. Signed on [Name of Program Manager] BY: (Signature) (Printed Name)

[Certificate of Service on the parties]

EXHIBIT 5 BORROWER'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION

EXHIBIT 5A: LOAN MODIFICATION

EXHIBIT 5B: SHORT SALE

EXHIBIT 5C: DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE

EXHIBIT 5A BORROWER'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION (LOAN MODIFICATION)

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Fannie Mae Hardship Form 1021

Home Affordable Modification Program Hardship Affidavit

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TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEWER Interviewer's Name (print or type): Name/Address of Interviewer's Employer:	
Face-to-face interview Interviewer's Signature/Date Address Telephone (include area code) Internet address	
BORROWER/CO-BORROWER ACKNOW	LEDGEMENT

1. Under penalty of perjury, I/we certify that all of the information in this affidavit is

- truthful and the event(s) identified above has/have contributed to my/our need to modify the terms of my/our mortgage loan.
- 2. I/we understand and acknowledge the Servicer may investigate the accuracy of my/our statements, may require me/us to provide supporting documentation, and that knowingly submitting false information may violate Federal law.
- 3. I/we understand the Servicer will pull a current credit report on all borrowers obligated on the Note.
- 4. I/we understand that if I/we have intentionally defaulted on my/our existing mortgage, engaged in fraud or misrepresented any fact(s) in connection with this Hardship Affidavit, or if I/we do not provide all of the required documentation, the Servicer may cancel the Agreement and may pursue foreclosure on my/our home.
- 5. I/we certify that my/our property is owner-occupied and I/we have not received a condemnation notice.
- 6. I/we certify that I/we am/are willing to commit to credit counseling if it is determined that my/our financial hardship is related to excessive debt.
- 7. I/we certify that I/we am/are willing to provide all requested documents and respond to all Servicer communication in a timely manner. I/we understand that time is of the essence.
- 8. I/we understand that the Servicer will use this information to evaluate my/our eligibility for a loan modification or other workout, but the Servicer is not obligated to offer me/us assistance based solely on the representations in this affidavit.
- 9. I/we authorize and consent to Servicer disclosing to the U.S. Department of Treasury or other government agency, Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac any information provided by me/us or retained by Servicer in connection with the Home Affordable Modification Program.

Borrower Signature	Date	Co-Borrower Signature Date	
E-mail Address:		E-mail Address:	
Cell phone #		Cell phone #	
Home Phone #		Home Phone #	
Work Phone #		Work Phone #	
Social Security #	PA	Social Security #	

EXPLANATION:

(Provide any further explanation of the hardship making it difficult for you to pay on your mortgage.)

EXHIBIT 5B BORROWER'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION (SHORT SALE)

In addition to the FANNIE MAE HARDSHIP FORM 1021 in Exhibit 5A above, the following information must be electronically transmitted to the Program Manager on behalf of the borrower:

Signed purchase contract for the homestead residence
Listing agreement for sale of the homestead residence
Preliminary HUD-1
Written permission from the borrower authorizing the plaintiff or any agent of the plaintiff to speak with the real estate agent about the borrower's loan

Borrowers should be reminded that the sale MUST be an arm's length transaction, and the property cannot be sold to anyone with close personal or business ties to the borrower.

EXHIBIT 5C BORROWER'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION (DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE)

In addition to the FANNIE MAE HARDSHIP FORM 1021 in Exhibit 5A above, the following information must be electronically transmitted to the Program Manager on behalf of the borrower:

Current title search for the homestead residence

EXHIBIT 6 BORROWER'S REQUEST FOR PLAINTIFF'S DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No(s).: Plaintiff(s), VS. Defendant(s). NOTICE OF BORROWER'S REQUEST FOR PLAINTIFF'S DISCLOSURE FOR MEDIATION , (printed name), as the borrower on the mortgage sued upon in this case, hereby requests the following information and disclosure from the plaintiff pursuant to Administrative Order 2010-12 (as amended) entered in the Ninth Judicial Circuit (mark the information and documents requested): Documentary evidence the plaintiff is the owner and holder in due course of the note and mortgage sued upon. A history showing the application of all payments by the borrower during the life of the loan. A statement of the plaintiff's position on the present net present value of the mortgage loan. The most current appraisal of the property available to the plaintiff. A separate line item for any fees, costs, interest, penalties or other charges that the plaintiff is asserting may be due and owing. Signed on _______, 20____.

[Certificate of Service on the parties]

(Signature)

EXHIBIT 7 PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF ATTENDING MEDIATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

[Certificate of Service by Plaintiff's Counsel]

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

EXHIBIT 8 PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT MEDIATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Plaintiff(s),	Case No(s).:
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	Defendant(s).	
		NG ATTENDANCE AT MEDIATION COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
enalty	[Name], who was designated as Plair of perjury, states to the court that [he	ntiff's Representative in Form A filed herein, under e][she] (mark as appropriate)
1	Attended mediation through the use communication equipment at all time	of communication equipment, and was on the estimates during the entire mediation.
]	Attended mediation, through the use communication equipment at all time	of communication equipment but was not on the es during the mediation.
		(Signature)
		(Printed Name)

[Certificate of Service by Plaintiff's Counsel]

EXHIBIT 9 MEDIATION REPORT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

TAX 1 2109/T 1	_	Case Number	TI	
Plaintiff/Lender,				
vs.				
Defendant(s),	-			
OUTCOME	OF MEDIAT	TION FOR FORE	CLOSURE ACTIONS	
Plaintiff's Representative: (print)				_
Plaintiff's Counsel (print)				
Defendant (print)				
Defendant represented by:	Pro Se	Counsel:	•	<u>.</u>
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) failed to appear		
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Administrative fee: Paid				
CERTIFIED CIRCUIT MEDIATO	OR	·	DATE	<u></u>

As required by Administrative Order 2010-12 (as amended) a copy of the most recently filed Form A is attached.

[Certificate of Service]

EXHIBIT 10 CERTIFICATION REGARDING SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY (RESIDENCE NOT HOMESTEAD)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

Defendant(s).

PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY

(Residence Is Not Homestead)

In compliance with Administrative Order 2010-12 (as amended) the undersigned attorney certifies that following person or entity has full authority to negotiate a settlement of this case with the borrower without further consultation:

(All of the following information must be provided)

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number (including area code and extension):

Fax Number:

Email Address:

Loan/File Number:

Notice to Defendants: Because of privacy laws and rules, the plaintiff will only be able to negotiate a modification of the loan with the named borrower on the underlying debt.

I certify a copy of this certification was served on defendants with the summons.

Date:

[Signature, Address, Phone Number of Plaintiff's Counsel]

EXHIBIT 11 ORDERS FOR REFERRALS, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICE OF MEDIATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No(s).: Plaintiff(s), vs. Defendant(s). ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE (Plaintiff's Failure to Comply with Administrative Order 2010-12 (as amended)) It appearing to the court that Plaintiff has failed to comply with the requirements of Administrative Order 2010-12 (as amended) in regards to the following (as marked): Form A Plaintiff failed to file Form A. Plaintiff failed to submit Form A to the Program Manager. **Payment of RMFM Program Fees** Plaintiff failed to pay the portion of the RMFM Program fees payable and due within ten (10) days after suit is filed. Failure to File and Serve Certification Regarding Settlement Authority Plaintiff failed to file and serve the certification regarding the person or entity with full settlement authority where the residence is not homestead (Form Exhibit 9 attached to the Administrative Order). Attendance at Mediation Plaintiff's counsel failed to attend mediation. Plaintiff's representative designated in the most recent Form A filed in the court file failed to attend mediation. Plaintiff's agent with full authority to sign a settlement agreement failed to attend

mediation.