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ATTENTION ATTORNEYS AND LITIGANTS IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CASES

Mortgage Foreclosure Case Management System

By Administrative Order of the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division, a Case Management System for all mortgage foreclosure cases pending in the Chancery Division will be implemented during calendar year 2009. Effective July 1, 2009, all mortgage foreclosure cases filed in the Chancery Division will, upon filing, be given 60 day case management dates. It will be the responsibility of plaintiffs' counsel to notify each mortgagor by regular mail at the service address of the case management date. The details regarding the notification requirements will be set forth in a separate Administrative Order issued prior to July 1, 2009.

In anticipation of the Case Management System for all cases filed after July 1, 2009, a Case Management Calendar Call of all mortgage foreclosure cases filed in the Chancery Division prior to April 1, 2009, will be held during the months of July and August, 2009. During those months, to accommodate the Case Management Calendar Call, the default foreclosure calls will be suspended.

Effective immediately and until the Case Management Calendar Call is completed, the Clerk of the Court shall not schedule any mortgage foreclosure case filed after January 1, 2009, and pending on Calendars 52-63, for a Judgment of Foreclosure

and Sale or for an Order Approving Sale, unless a separate court order has been obtained granting leave to schedule a 2009 case for a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or for an Order Approving Sale. The procedure for applying for such an order is set forth in Administrative Order 09-01. This restriction on the scheduling of 2009 cases for Judgments of Foreclosure and Sale and for Orders Approving Sale does not apply to Consent Foreclosures. All other Motions on 2009 cases may be scheduled by the Clerk of the Court.

A letter to attorneys handling mortgage foreclosure cases (one letter per law firm), whose addresses are on file in the Office of the Supervising Judge of the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section, will be mailed explaining the goals of the Case Management System. A copy of Administrative Order 09-01 will be included with each letter. Additional copies of Administrative Order 09-01 are available in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, in the Courtroom of the Presiding Judge (Courtroom 2403), and in the Courtroom of the Supervising Judge (Courtroom 2802).