NOTICE TO THE BAR

FORECLOSURE – MOTIONS FOR FINAL JUDGMENT – DISCONTINUATION OF PRACTICE OF SENDING RETURN NOTICES TO CURE DEFICIENT SUBMISSIONS

This notice to the bar sets forth a change in the motion practice related to final judgments filed in foreclosure. Specifically, effective July 1, 2016, motions for final judgment of foreclosure submitted to the Office of Foreclosure in the Superior Court Clerk's Office will be either granted or denied based on the motion and supporting documents as submitted.

At present, when such motions are submitted with deficiencies the Office of Foreclosure returns to the filing party a written explanation of the deficiencies that require correction in order to issue the order for final judgment, with the filing party having twenty days to cure the identified deficiencies or the motion for final judgment is denied. As of July 1, 2016 that practice of returning deficient motions for final judgment of foreclosure will end. Thereafter, the Office of Foreclosure will no longer issue return notices, rather the motions for final judgment will be granted or denied based on the motion and supporting documents as submitted. Where a motion for final judgment is denied, the order will set forth the reasons for the denial.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michelle M. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court, by email at michelle.smith@njcourts.gov or by telephone at 609-421-6100.

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