## NOTICE TO THE BAR

## RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM – RESUMPTION OF AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING COUNSELORS THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY – REQUIREMENT TO SERVE MEDIATION INFORMATION WITH THE COMPLAINT

This notice announces the resumption of the availability of housing counselors for New Jersey's Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program and a change in the notice requirements regarding foreclosure mediation.

Effective immediately, plaintiffs in residential mortgage foreclosure proceedings must

include with every complaint served both (1) the "Notice of Foreclosure Availability" (CN

11284) and (2) the updated kit on "How to Apply for Foreclosure Mediation" (CN 11270).

Those documents can be found on the Self-Help Center portion of Judiciary's website at

https://www.njcourts.gov/selfhelp/catalog.html?keywords=Foreclosure%

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This notice supersedes all previous notices regarding foreclosure mediation.

The basis for this new notice requirement is the renewed availability of certified housing counselors, provided through the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, to assist homeowners involved in foreclosure mediation. The housing counselors will be available to assist homeowners in gathering documentation necessary to the mediation and in evaluating and responding to document requests relating to the mediation.

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

Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D. Acting Administrative Director

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