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Passaic County Superior Court of New Jersey
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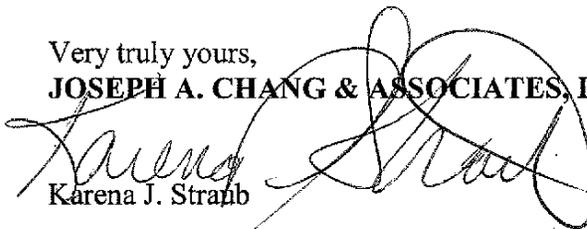
**Re: In Re Application by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Issue Corrected
Notice of Intent to Foreclose on Behalf of Identified Foreclosure
Plaintiffs in Uncontested Cases
Order to Show Cause Docket No. F-009564-12
Docket No: F-6255-09 (Cape May County)
Docket No. F-137980-09 (Burlington County)**

Dear Judge McVeigh:

This firm is counsel to Defendants Justin M. Sciarra and Michele F. Sciarra ("Defendants") in the above captioned matter. Please find enclosed objection to Wells Fargo Bank N.A. Order to Show Cause and Objection to the Proposed Corrective Notice of Intent to Foreclose, which is being filed with JEFIS.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH A. CHANG & ASSOCIATES, LLC



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cc: Mark Melodia, Esq. (Via Hand Delivery, with enclosures)

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| <p>IN RE APPLICATION BY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. TO ISSUE CORRECTED NOTICES OF INTENT TO FORECLOSE ON BEHALF OF IDENTIFIED FORECLOSURE PLAINTIFFS IN UNCONTESTED CASES</p> | <p>SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION PASSAIC COUNTY</p> <p>Docket No.: F-009564-12</p> <p><u>Civil Action</u></p> <p>OPPOSITION TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE</p> |
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Justin Sciarra and Michele Sciarra, recipients of applicant's Order to Show Cause and defendants in Docket Nos. F-13798-09 and F-6255-09, object to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.'s order to show cause for the following reasons:

Objection: Justin and Michele Sciarra are not properly within the class of homeowners identified by the Order to Show Cause.

The order to show cause was authorized specifically for pre-judgment foreclosure cases. The Sciarras are post final judgment on both dockets. Counsel is preparing a Motion to Vacate Final Judgment under Docket Nos. F-13798-09 and F-6255-09 which, among other items, address the issue of the sufficiency of the Notice of Intent to Foreclose. As such, the Sciarras object to being subject to the order to show cause and the permission to file a corrective Notice of Intent to Foreclose. They ask that this Court deny the order to show cause as it directly effects these homeowners. This request is outside of the class of homeowners identified as subject to the Order to Show Cause.

Objection: Notice of Intent deficiency issues have been raised in applications filed under the various foreclosure dockets.

Certain homeowners have properly brought the issue before the Chancery Court and have been litigating in search of a remedy appropriate to the circumstances of the case. To permit Wells Fargo to correct the Notices of Intent at this point would be fundamentally unfair to the homeowners who have raised the issue with the court and are seeking an order, reconsideration, or an appeal of the decision. Permitting the proposed corrections strips the homeowners of the rights they have asserted in presenting the issue within the foreclosure action. The more proper approach should be to either discontinue the foreclosures where NOI problems exist or have

them proceed with the problem addressed by the county. The corrected form of the NOI should only be permitted to be used going forward for actions yet to be filed.

Objection: Wells Fargo did not attach the Complaint to the issued notices and Defendant rejects such improper service.

Contrary to Rules of Court R. 4:67-2 and R. 4:52-1(b), a copy of the complaint was not attached to the explanatory letter served upon defendants subject to the Order to Show Cause, despite the letter's reference to the complaint. Such absence is confusing to defendants and creates imperfect service. Applicants were excused from serving the exhibits to the complaint on every homeowner, but they were not excused from serving the complaint at all. As such, Applicant did not serve the complaint in compliance with the court rules, proper service of the Order to Show Cause has not been effectuated, and the fundamental due process rights of the homeowners have been violated.

Objection: Wells Fargo did not properly serve the identified homeowners.

The Order to Show Cause requires that the packages be sent certified and regular mail to all homeowners identified in the exhibit. The only exception pertained to married borrowers. The certified mail copy of the packages was not received by the homeowners, and it is believed that Wells Fargo only sent the packages via regular mail. Additionally, certain homeowners identified in the exhibits did not even receive the regular mail copy of the package. Counsel's due diligence permits a response on their behalf, but many of the homeowners identified in the exhibit are not represented by counsel and do not have a 3rd party protecting their interests.

Objection: Wells Fargo did not properly identify the parties and actions named as subject to the Order to Show Cause.

The Order to Show Cause specifically states that it applies to uncontested foreclosure actions that are prior to final judgment. (July 19, 2012 Order of Hon. Margaret Mary McVeigh, page 1, "to the defendant mortgagor and/or parties obligated on the debt ... in the pending, pre-judgment, uncontested foreclosure cases..."). However, there are parties identified who are not within this specific identified class. The list contains errors, which have been specifically identified with respect to the clients of Joseph A. Chang & Associates, LLC but likely exceed the identified errors, such as improper identification of plaintiff's counsel (Phelan named when Reed Smith is active counsel, see F-057565-10), improper identification of the action as uncontested (see F-057565-10), and improper identification of the action as prior to final judgment (see F-15048-08 and F-36708-08). Wells Fargo is again indicating to the court, as it did in 2010 when the State felt obligated to intervene in pending foreclosure actions, that they are not able to keep proper records and proceed with the due diligence necessary to strip a person of their home. If they cannot even identify which actions are contested or post final judgment, how are they to be trusted to properly identify which parties are in default and which parties have cured?

Objection: The improper party has brought the Order to Show Cause.

The Order to Show Cause has been brought by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. However, Wells Fargo's name does not appear anywhere within the documents or corrected Notice of Intent to Foreclose as servicer or owner of these mortgages. The party identified in the explanatory letter and Notice of Intent as bringing the action is America's Servicing Company. ASC does not identify their connection to Wells Fargo, nor do they explain why Wells Fargo would bring the legal action while all documents to the homeowners are sent in the name of ASC. The Order to Show Cause would be more properly brought by the entity actually servicing the loan, ASC. Since they have failed to do so, however, they should not be permitted any more opportunities to fix yet another in a long string of egregious errors.

Objection: The language of the proposed Notice of Intent to Foreclose is misleading.

All of the mortgagors identified in the Order to Show Cause are defendants in active foreclosure litigation with the debt accelerated as due in full. However, the proposed corrective Notice of Intent to Foreclose indicates that the mortgagor is in a pre-foreclosure status, that the debt may be accelerated, and that the servicer will start a mortgage foreclosure action upon failure to forward the amount indicated. It later says "even if America's Servicing Co. starts a mortgage foreclosure action against you...", which again indicates that such an action has not already been commenced.

These notices are not tailored to the situation at hand and are written in a manner that is confusing to the mortgagor. The majority of persons affected by the Order to Show Cause have not retained counsel and will be misled by the language contained therein. It appears that the moving party is merely attempting to use judicial resources to approve a proposed form for future notices without regard for the deficiencies they are currently encountering. This form does not clearly indicate the nature and status of the debt and litigation as to the parties it is meant to effect. This is merely an attempt to sweep past mistakes under the rug without actually addressing the gravity of the situations that have arisen due to those mistakes.

There are many reasons the homeowners may not be participating in the case, including improper service of process. To permit the language of the NOI as it is presented, without reference to the pending foreclosure action, is unjust and misleading. It is an often quoted maxim in chancery that he who seeks equity must do equity. Here, Wells Fargo is seeking an equitable remedy permitting them to correct their own errors in violating the specific language of the Fair Foreclosure Act, which indicates that the complying Notice of Intent *shall* be sent prior to the filing of a foreclosure complaint. However, Wells Fargo is now seeking equitable relief in the form of judicial permission to correct their many statutory violations on a broad basis after the filing of a foreclosure action. If this action is permitted, the equities will not be balanced. The homeowners will be harmed by this action unless the Order to Show Cause is denied or reformed to undo the entry of default and permit responsive pleadings as to all affected homeowners.

Objection: Wells Fargo is improperly using judicial resources to address an issue more properly determined by the legislature.

Wells Fargo is attempting to create a safe harbor form with judicial approval. The judiciary, however, should not be asked en masse to approve a business form for a private corporation in an effort to circumvent the normal judicial process. Wells Fargo has brought one action regarding hundreds of borrowers requiring significant time and resources of the judiciary to save their own resources by not bringing each action in the individual matter it affects. This does not constitute judicial efficiency, so much as corporate savings for the movant. If the legislature intended that there be one specific form that addressed all of the issues required by a Notice of Intent to Foreclose, they would have added such a form to the statute. Their declining to do so is not to be seen as an oversight, but as an indication of their intent. Wells Fargo did not treat this application seriously enough to be entitled to the relief sought.

Objection: Wells Fargo has not provided reliable contact information for questions and concerns.

The Fair Foreclosure Act demands that an individual be named in the Notice of Intent who can address the many concerns a homeowner might have when receiving a notice. In the proposed corrective notices, Wells Fargo appears to recognize this mandate and has placed an individual's name for contact purposes. However, it is evident that Wells Fargo has not made a good faith effort to permit homeowners to contact the named party.

Wells Fargo has not provided actual contact information in the correspondence section for the named party. They have provided a phone number and mailing address for Randy Bockenstedt that is inaccurate and does not provide a line of communication to the identified party. Seven certifications are available upon request from clients of Joseph A. Chang & Associates, LLC who received the Order to Show Cause and attempted to contact Randy Bockenstedt. Many different parties answered the phone on behalf of ASC, but none were able to provide a line of communication to Randy Bockenstedt.

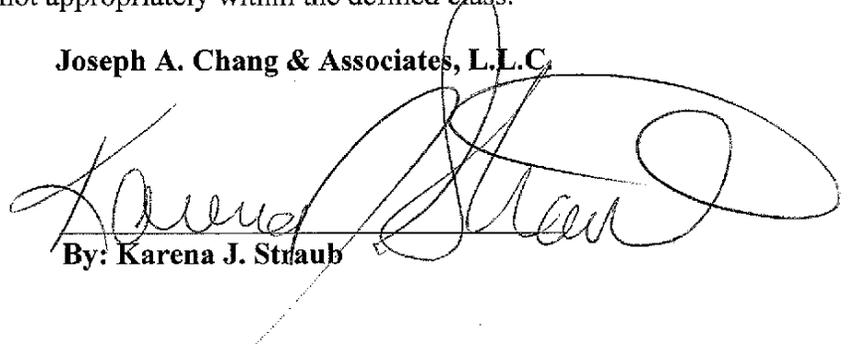
Most persons answering the phone were not aware of who he was. One representative suggested contacting the legal department via facsimile or the loan specialist named on their internal account records. This information was not provided in the cover letter, NOI, or any other document available to the borrower. One representative indicated that Randy Bockenstedt was located in a Dallas, TX office, which is also at odds with the Fort Mill, SC address provided. The contact information for Randy Bockenstedt has been provided in every cover letter and Notice of Intent to Foreclose that is subject to this Order to Show Cause and effects all named parties as a whole.

In addition to the improper contact information, the staff members who did answer the phone were not trained to appropriately answer the questions posed. They did not know who the named party was. They did not know about the issued proposed corrective notices. They could not provide appropriate contact information or advise. In general, they were not prepared to address the myriad of issues that could be raised by homeowners facing one of the most difficult and stressful situations of their lives. At the very least, Wells Fargo should have waited until their staff was appropriately prepared to handle the issues presented before filing the present Order to Show Cause application.

For the reasons stated above and for those reasons that may be raised in the additional objections, it is respectfully requested that Wells Fargo's Order to Show Cause be denied in its entirety and/or denied as to the specifically identified homeowner at issue in this objection. It is also respectfully requested that counsel fees be awarded in favor of the identified homeowners for bringing this action against parties not appropriately within the defined class.

Joseph A. Chang & Associates, L.L.C.

DATED: September 22, 2012



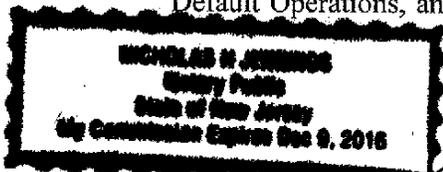
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I, Justin M. Sciarra, of full age, hereby depose and say:

1. Michelle F. Sciarra, my wife, and I are the named Defendants in the foregoing action. The subject properties are located at 251 Hartford Road, Medford Township, New Jersey 08055 (the "Medford Property") as well as 1102 Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City, New Jersey 08243 (the "Sea Isle City Property").
2. I received correspondence from America's Servicing Company ("ASC) dated August 14, 2012 issued to my wife and me. The ASC correspondence included an introductory letter, a Notice of Intention to Foreclosure ("NOI") and an Order to Show Cause ("OSC"). I received this correspondence for each property.
3. Pursuant to the instructions of the introductory letter and the NOI, I proceeded to contact Randy Bockenstedt, Senior Vice President at the number provided in this documents (1-800-868-0043), as I had additional questions concerning the amount due and actual procedure to follow.
4. On Tuesday, September 4, 2012 on or about 11:00 a.m., I attempted to contact the above designee of the applicant for the Order to Show Cause at the number offered in the application, namely - 1-800-868-0043. At such time, I was advised by a pre-recorded message that the applicant was attempting to collect a debt in accordance with the federal debt collection law. In addition, the recording described this part of the company as Default Operations, and that if I was in bankruptcy, the debt collection activities would



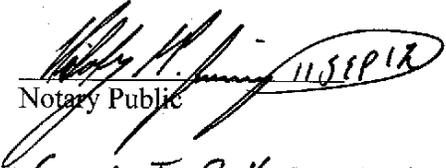
be limited to the amount listed in bankruptcy. Further, there would be no attempt to collect funds in excess of those asserted in bankruptcy.

5. After such recording, a person came on the line, who stated she had no knowledge of this application and did not know the named designee (Randy Bockenstadt), nor did she know his extension number. Accordingly, I was unable to communicate with the above named designee.
6. On Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., I called Randy Bockenstedt at 1-800-868-0043. I requested to be transferred to Mr. Bockenstedt and I was advised that I could not reach him at this number. Further, they could not provide me an extension or alternative number for him.
7. On Thursday, September 6, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. I called 800-868-0043 and spoke to Linda who advised that Randy Bockenstedt was not reachable at this number. Linda did not know who he was. This conversation was less than five minutes with no further information or direction available to me.
8. Contrary to the instructions on the introductory letter and the NOI, I have not been able to speak to Randy Bockenstedt and no one at the number provided, 1-800-868-0043, is able to answer my questions or provide further assistance.

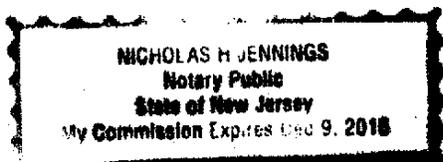
I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false I am subject to punishment.


Justin M. Sciarra

Sworn and subscribed
before me on this 11th
day of September, 2012


Notary Public

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I, Elizabeth Marriott, am a paralegal at the law firm of Joseph A. Chang & Associates, L.L.C., counsel for Defendants Justin M. Sciarra and Michele Sciarra ("Defendants"). I hereby certify that on September 22, 2012, the original of the within Opposition to Wells Fargo Bank N.A. Order to Show Cause caused to be filed with the Clerk, Superior Court of New Jersey, via JEFIS E-Filing.

I further certify that on September 24, 2012, a copy the within Opposition was served upon:

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And

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I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

JOSEPH A. CHANG & ASSOCIATES, LLC

September 22, 2012

/s/ Elizabeth Marriott
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