

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
HOTLINE PROGRAM

NO: 09-10910

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 17TH day of September, 2009, it is hereby ORDERED and
DECREED as follows:

1. The Court finds that the number of mortgage foreclosure actions which are being Filed and which will be filed in the future requires and will require the Expenditure of substantial judicial resources.
2. The Court, in the exercise of its powers to manage the business of the courts does hereby adopt the Mortgage Foreclosure Hotline Pilot Program herein set forth as follows:

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE HOTLINE PILOT PROGRAM

1. In all Actions in Mortgage Foreclosure that involve residential real estate that are occupied as the principal residence of the defendant(s) and are filed with the Office of Judicial Support and received by the Sheriff's Office on or after October 1, 2009, the Sheriff of Delaware County shall serve the Notice of Foreclosure Hotline Program (hereinafter "Notice"). A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. The Notice need not be served at any other address by the Sheriff other than at the property that is the subject of the Action in Mortgage Foreclosure (hereinafter the "Property").
3. The Sheriff shall note on the top of the Notice the date of service immediately prior to serving it upon the party being served, and the Sheriff's Return of Service of the

Complaint and Notice shall be filed with the Office of Judicial Support.

4. The Owner of the Property has thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Complaint and Notice to call the Save Your Home Hotline, as set forth on the Notice, to discuss a loan resolution option regarding the Property with a Housing Counselor. If the Owner fails to call the Save Your Home Hotline within thirty (30) days of service of the Notice, the owner will not be eligible for any Court-sanctioned delay of the Mortgage Foreclosure Action under this program.

5. The Housing Counselor, upon receipt of the call from the Owner, shall immediately notify Plaintiff's Counsel by facsimile or email, by sending a completed Notification of Hotline Contact ("Notification") to Plaintiff's Counsel. If more than 25 days has passed since the date of service as noted on the top of the Notice, the Housing Counselor or Owner shall also telephone Plaintiff's Counsel to inform Plaintiff's Counsel that the Notification was forwarded. A copy of the Notification is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

6. The Owner must furnish all of the information and documents required by the Housing Counselor in sufficient time for the Housing Counselor to prepare and submit a proposal to the Plaintiff within 30 days of the initial call to the Housing Counselor.


7. If the Certification, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "C", and the proposal package prepared by the Housing Counselor is not received by the Plaintiff's Counsel within 30 days of the initial call to the Housing Counselor, the Plaintiff may proceed with its Action in Mortgage Foreclosure in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure (Pa. R.C.P.) and the Delaware County Local Rules of Procedure.

8. Plaintiff may not send a Pa. R.C.P. Rule 237 Notice until 31 days from the date of service of the complaint or, if the Owner calls the Housing Counselor within 30 days of the

service of the complaint; 31 days from the initial call to the Housing Counselor by the Owner.

9. This Administrative Order shall apply to all Actions filed on or after the first day of October, 2009 and shall expire, unless otherwise extended by the court, on the 30th day of July, 2010.

BY THE COURT:



JOSEPH P. CRONIN JR. P. J.