IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2012-01

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2011-03 (UNCONTESTED VACANT RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CALLS)

On January 1, 2012, the Pilot Project for the Uncontested Vacant Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Call began under General Administrative Order 2011-03. This call is intended to isolate those mortgage foreclosure cases that are uncontested mortgage foreclosures on vacant and abandoned residential property for a more efficient completion of the cases. These uncontested, vacant and abandoned residential cases are assigned to Calendars 65, 66, and 67. At the time of filing, if the Plaintiff is aware of the vacancy and abandonment of the property, the plaintiff may file the appropriate affidavit with the complaint for assignment to Calendar 65, 66, or 67. If a case is first assigned to a general mortgage foreclosure calendar and later found to be vacant and abandoned, General Administrative Order 2011-03 set forth guidelines for transferring a case from a general mortgage foreclosure calendar to a vacant residential mortgage foreclosure calendar. (Gen. Admin. Order 2011-03, para. 11.)

It recently came to the Court's attention that General Administrative Order 2011-03 was being interpreted that only a municipality could initiate a motion to transfer a mortgage foreclosure case from a general mortgage foreclosure calendar to a vacant mortgage foreclosure calendar. However, any party may transfer a case from a vacant mortgage foreclosure calendar to a general mortgage foreclosure calendar. (*See* Gen. Admin. Order 2011-03, para. 10, 11.)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

General Order 2011-03, paragraph 11 is amended to indicate that any interested party, including a plaintiff, may file a petition to transfer a mortgage foreclosure case from a general mortgage foreclosure calendar to an uncontested vacant residential mortgage foreclosure calendar. All other provisions of paragraph 11 and General Order 2011-03 shall stand.

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Date: March 7, 2012

Moshe Jacobius Presiding Judge

Chancery Division