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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2016-01

SUBJECT: STRICT FORECLOSURES

Recently, the Chancery Division has noticed an increase in filings of new complaints styled as strict foreclosures pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1403 (2015). These complaints have been filed and initiated as General Chancery complaints rather than mortgage foreclosure actions. In order to ensure proper assignment of these complaints, the following requirements will be implemented.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. All complaints filed by a bank that are styled as a strict foreclosure action pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1403 (2015) must be filed in the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section to be randomly assigned to a Mortgage Foreclosure Calendar, Calendars 55 through 64. These complaints will include complaints filed to eliminate the lien of a junior lienholder who was not named in the original foreclosure action.
- 2. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall add category "0040 Strict Foreclosure" to the Chancery Division Civil Cover Sheet Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien (Form CCCH 0624).
- 3. Any complaint pending in General Chancery as of the date of this General Administrative Order may be transferred to the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section, by separate order and at the General Chancery judge's discretion.

4. Any complaint needing to be filed between the entry of this General Administrative Order and amendment of the cover sheet form CCCH 0624, shall be filed in the Mortgage Foreclosure section and identified by the type of property identified in the original foreclosure.

ENTER:

Moshe Jacobius Presiding Judge

Chancery Division

Date: January 8, 2016