# SANDUSKY COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

# **Request for Foreclosure Mediation**

#### \*\*\*CAUTION\*\*\*

You have been served with a foreclosure complaint that could cause you to lose your property. You should consult with an attorney concerning your rights and responsibilities. To avoid having a default judgment taken against you, you MUST serve your written answer or motion for extension of time to answer or otherwise plead upon the attorney for the Plaintiff (if the Plaintiff does not have an attorney, you must serve the answer or motion on the Plaintiff), AND file your written answer or motion with the Clerk of Courts. Refer to the summons on complaint you received for additional details.

If you complete both of the steps listed above, AND you would like to remain in your home, you may be considered for the Court's mediation service at no additional cost to you. If these requirements apply to you, and you would like to be considered for the Court's mediation service, please read and complete the remainder of this form. If these requirements do not apply to you, or you do not wish to be considered for the court's mediation service, you may disregard this form. **IN OTHER PARTS OF OHIO, MEDIATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT WORKING OUT FAVORABLE RESOLUTIONS TO FORECLOSURE CASES. YOU ARE STRONGLY URGED TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN MEDIATION.** 

<u>You are strongly urged to seek legal counsel.</u> You may contact the Save the Dream hotline by calling 888-404-4674. Additional information and resources can be found at www.savethedream.ohio.gov. You may also be eligible for the assistance of a volunteer lawyer to represent you in the mediation. To determine your eligibility for a volunteer lawyer, call Legal Aid of Western Ohio at 1-888-534-1432. Your interests will be best protected if you seek counsel early. If you choose to proceed without an attorney, understand that you may seek legal advice at any time.

# **Mediation Request**

In order to process this request, all information asked on this sheet must be provided. Failure to do so may result in a delay of your request. Thank you for your cooperation!

To determine if you are eligible for mediation, please complete one form for all debtors on the loan and return it to:

Foreclosure Mediation Sandusky County Courthouse 100 N. Park Ave. Fremont, OH 43420

You will receive written notice whether your case will be mediated or will continue on the trial docket. When completing this form, the word "you" means any debtor on the loan. If you need additional space, attach a separate sheet.

### **Questionnaire For Foreclosure Cases**

Case Name\_\_\_\_\_

Case Number\_\_\_\_\_

This form should be completed only if you would like to remain in your home, and wish to have your case evaluated to determine if it is appropriate for mediation.

Mediation is a free, voluntary process through which you, as the debtor, and the creditor can determine if an agreement can be reached to cure any defaults in the loan and re-negotiate the terms of the loan in a manner that could allow you to remain in your property or other terms as agreed by the parties. The Court will provide a mediator who facilitates the mediation process. The mediator will not give legal advice to either party and you are therefore urged, but not required, to retain an attorney to represent you and to provide you with legal advice.

Your Name(s	):	Attorney's Name:		
Address:		Address:		
Phone No:	(	) (day) Phone No: ( )		
	(	) (evening) Attorney for Foreclosure Bankruptcy		
1 yes	no	Is this property your only residence?		
2 yes	no	Are you currently living in this property?		
3 yes	no	Are you interested in trying to remain in this property?		
4 yes	no	Are you and/or your spouse presently employed? If yes, how long have you and/or your spouse been employed by your current employer(s)?		
		You: year(s) Spouse year(s)		
5 yes	no	Are you in the process of filing bankruptcy or thinking about filing bankruptcy?		
6. <u>yes</u>	no	Have you filed an Answer or a Request for Extension of Time to Answer?		
7yes	no	Have you received financial counseling?		
		If yes, provide details:		

8. yes no Do other mortgages or liens exist on this property? Examples of other mortgages and liens are home equity loans, tax liens, child support liens, judgments from lawsuits. List them below:

Who is owed?	How much is due?	Past due? (yes/no)

9. Check all items that have made you miss your mortgage payments:

\_\_\_\_\_ Injury or illness

\_\_\_\_\_Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM): a mortgage loan where the interest rate changes periodically throughout the course of the loan

Balloon Payment: any repayment option under which the borrower is required to pay the entire amount of the outstanding balance of the loan as of a specified date or the end of a specified period

\_\_\_\_\_ My expenses are more than my income (please describe):\_\_\_\_\_\_

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10.\_\_\_\_\_ How many payments have you missed?

11. yes no Have you signed any documents or agreements regarding your mortgage? If yes, please attach them.

Documents/Agreements Attached \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_No

12. yes no Have you filed or do you plan to file a divorce or dissolution?

- 13. \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no Is or will this property be subject to an estate action in Probate Court? If yes, identify the jurisdiction, case name and number: \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 14. **\$** What is the amount of your monthly payment to the lender who is foreclosing?

15. <u>\$</u>	If your property tax and property insurance are <i>not</i> included in the payment to that lender, what is the amount of your monthly property taxes and insurance?
16.\$	Total monthly mortgage, property tax, and property insurance for this loan (add the amounts listed on lines 14 and 15).
17. <u>\$</u>	How much is your current monthly NET (after taxes) income from all sources?
18. <u>\$</u>	What are your total monthly expenses <b>without THIS mortgage, property tax,</b> <b>and property insurance</b> ? (Note: Include payments on other property liens.)
19. <u>\$</u>	Total remaining net income (subtract the amount on line 18 from the amount on line 17).

I state that I am of lawful age, that I have personal knowledge of the information noted above, and that it is true.

Defendant's signature

Defendant's signature

Date:

Date:

By requesting mediation, I/we hereby consent to comply with all aspects of the foreclosure mediation program, including: participation in a credit counseling session prior to the mediation session; allowing a certified appraiser access to my/our property in order to complete a certified appraisal; and consenting to this form and all financial information provided to the credit counseling agency being sent to the plaintiff in order to help facilitate a resolution at the mediation session.

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