

August 2010 E-newsletter

August News and Updates- Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project

As of August 27, 2010, over 547 families have received foreclosure prevention legal assistance from the Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project.

Thank you, everyone, for your interest and your continued efforts in helping Washington homeowners at risk of foreclosure.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Save the Date! September 15-16 in Seattle—Free Consumer Law Training

The National Consumer Law Center, Northwest Justice Project, and Columbia Legal Services are sponsoring a free, two-day, consumer law training in Seattle (exact location TBA) on September 15-16, 2010 for legal services advocates and Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project (HFLAP) pro bono volunteers with an intermediate-level of experience in foreclosure defense. The training, featuring NCLC and Washington state practitioners, will cover foreclosure-related litigation topics and include a debt collection litigation boot camp designed to give advocates the tools they need to respond to the flood of debt collection litigation our clients are facing. We hope you can join us! If you are interested in attending, please send an email to hflap@nwjustice.org and include "NCLC Training" in the subject line. Let us know if you plan to attend day one, day two, or both.

ADVOCACY RESOURCES

This is an excellent summary authored by K&L Gates which includes information about new RESPA requirements, new requirements on servicer QWR, changes to the foreclosure tenant protections, etc: http://www.klgates.com/files/Publication/cfebe728-b36e-4915-b203-675722ece87b/Presentation/PublicationAttachment/52b62375-0d96-4976-84a2-115ce8a645b7/Loan_Servicing_Deja_Vu.pdf

FORECLOSURES IN THE NEWS

The Obama Administration's Efforts to Stabilize the Housing Market and Help American Homeowners

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/initiatives/Housing%20Scorecard%20Documents/JULY_Scorecard_1.10.pdf

Dual Role in Housing Deals Puts Spotlight on Deutsche

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703900004575325232441982598.html?mod=dist_smartbrief

Homeowner Questionnaire Shows Banks Violating Gov't Program Rules

<http://www.propublica.org/article/homeowner-questionnaire-shows-banks-violating-govt-program-rules>

'Vultures' Save Troubled Homeowners

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704720004575377022447064474.html>

Loan Mod Profiles: Delayed then Denied, Often Mistakenly

<http://www.propublica.org/article/loan-mod-profiles-delayed-then-denied>

Foreclosures Fall, but Early Delinquencies Rise

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/27/business/27default.html?_r=1&nl=&emc=aua1

Banks' Self-Dealing Super-Charged Financial Crisis

<http://www.propublica.org/article/banks-self-dealing-super-charged-financial-crisis>

HOUSEKEEPING

Can't Find That Old E-Newsletter with Some Helpful Information?

No worries! All of our e-newsletters are archived at <http://www.mywsba.org/default.aspx?tabid=199>

Working on a Case and Need Some Feedback or Assistance?

If you're actively volunteering with the project you should have been added to our WA Foreclosure Prevention Advocate list serve. Don't forget to use it! Experts, mentors and other volunteers are standing by to exchange ideas and advocacy strategies. Unsure if you're on this list serve? contact Aline at alinec@wsba.org.

Please Check Your Email Spam Filter!

Please make sure you are receiving email from Lili Sotelo and Colleen Mold, our Home Foreclosure Legal Aid Project legal team; their emails are colleenm@nwjustice.org, lilis@nwjustice.org and hflap@nwjustice.org. Almost all attorneys should have gotten a chance to accept at least one case. Anyone who has not received a request for case acceptance should contact Aline at alinec@wsba.org as soon as possible.

Really Eager to Get a Case?

Have you been really eager to get a case but feel like you haven't been quick enough on the draw when our legal team sends out volunteer opportunities? Have you been unable to handle a matter that's been offered but are still really interested in getting a case? If so, please email hflap@nwjustice.org and also let us know if you'd be willing to take matters in neighboring counties or statewide.

Too Busy Right Now to Take a Case?

If you are not currently able or believe that you will not be able to accept cases through the Home Foreclosure Project for the next six months, please take a moment to let us know so that we can remove you from our volunteer list. Please contact Aline at (206) 727-8204 or alinec@wsba.org. You can always rejoin us when your schedule opens up.

Questions, Comments and Feedback: We want to hear from you!

Please contact Aline at alinec@wsba.org or at (206) 727-8204.

Thanks again for doing your part to put an end to the foreclosure crisis and helping Washington state homeowners!