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RE: Mediation Conference Procedures and Expectations

Dear Foreclosure Mediation Participants:

I write with the permission of the Court regarding mediation procedures and professionalism and civility during mediation conference days.

Enclosed please find a memo outlining Mediation Conference Procedures. The Department of Justice drafted this memo for all participants to provide additional guidance regarding day to day procedures beyond those outlined in the Administrative Directive 2013-2 and 10 Del C. 5062(C). These procedures are not to be construed as official rules of conduct, but were drafted to facilitate efficient and productive mediation conferences as the volume of case filings continues to increase and mediation participants will be expected to comply these procedures.

All mediation participants are reminded that Foreclosure Mediation Conferences are considered Court proceedings. The Superior Court and the Department of Justice expect all participants to conduct themselves with professionalism and civility during conferences. Enclosed for your review is the "Expectations of the Superior Court for Attorneys' Professionalism and Civility in a Courtroom Setting, dated April 8, 2004." This document is also available on the Superior Court's website. If you have any questions regarding the Mediation Conference Procedures or the about the Mediation Program in general, please contact the Program Administrator.

Respectfully

Jennifer Smolko, Esq. Program Administrator

cc: President Judge Vaughn