

**MINUTES OF THE
BENCH – BAR FORECLOSURE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 2007**

Handouts to Committee Members: Agenda, Draft of Minutes of Oct. 25, 2007 meeting, Article from *Wall Street Journal* entitled “Judges Tackle ‘Foreclosure Mills’”, Letter of Dec. 1, 2007 to Judge Mintz from Attorney Samuel Chester, copy of Ohio Federal Court decision submitted to Judge Mintz by Louis Roman, Letter to Judge Mintz from Attorney Joanne S. Faulkner dated Nov. 26, 2007, Letter to Judge Mintz from Attorney Jessica Braus dated Oct. 30, 2007, print-out of email from Attorney Rich Leibert to Judge Mintz and Attorney Frankel dated Dec. 5, 2007, print-out of email from Attorney Thomas Witherspoon to Judge Mintz dated Nov. 27, 2007, “Changes to Foreclosure Procedures – Sklaver” dated Dec. 5, 2007, information regarding requesting a Certificate of Discharge From Federal Tax Lien submitted by Attorney Louis Zowine, Proposed Changes to Foreclosure By Sale Standing Orders submitted by Attorney Robert Frankel dated Nov. 22, 2007, copy of current Foreclosure By Sale Standing Orders JD-CV-79 Rev. 3-03, proposed Draft Order and Standing Order Versions Without Webpost Info. of Court Operations committee.

Members in attendance: Hon. Douglas C. Mintz, Attorney Gregory F. Arcaro, Attorney Ronald M. Bender, Attorney Adam L. Bendett, Attorney Jessica L. Braus, Attorney Denis R. Caron, Attorney Thomas J. Farrell, Attorney Robert F. Frankel, Hon. Samuel Freed, Attorney Keith K. Fuller, Attorney Peggy George, Hon. Arthur A. Hiller, Attorney Edward P. Jurkiewicz, Attorney Leanne M. Larson, Attorney Richard M. Leibert, Attorney Eugene S. Melchionne, Attorney Geoffrey Kent Milne, Attorney Raphael L. Podolsky, Attorney Sarah Poriss, Hon. Richard A. Robinson, Attorney Therese Servas, Attorney Gary P. Sklaver, Hon. Theodore R. Tyma, Attorney Thomas W. Witherspoon, Attorney Louis C. Zowine

1. The Hon. Douglas C. Mintz welcomed the members to the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and provided the members with a folder containing all of the handouts.
2. All members introduced themselves.
3. Motions to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting were made and the minutes were approved.
4. Designation of Sub-Committees:
Judge Mintz suggested that the committee break-up into subcommittees to be more manageable and productive. Judge Mintz suggested that there be subcommittees for Short Calendar, Committees, and Supplemental Judgment with 9 people on each sub-committee with a judge as chair of the sub-committee. Upon

requesting suggestions for other sub-committees discussion ensued and the members approved a further sub-committee entitled "Process Committee". Sign-up sheets for each sub-committee were circulated to the members and returned to Judge Mintz.

5. Review of Proposed Standing Orders

Attorney Robert Frankel explained his suggested changes for the standing orders to the committee. Discussion ensued and all agreed the standing orders and other suggested forms should be dealt with by the sub-committee.

6. Certificate of Discharge For Federal Tax Liens

After discussion regarding federal tax liens, US right of redemption and various issues it was decided that this topic should be referred to the Short Calendar sub-committee.

7. New Business

It was suggested that a computer form be developed for Supplemental Judgment that would automatically calculate the various costs, interest amount and fees.

The foreclosure advertising committee will be meeting next week regarding the design for advertising foreclosure sales on the judicial website.

Judge Mintz will set up another date for the Bench – Bar Foreclosure Committee to meet after the sub-committees have a chance to meet. The Judicial Conference room in Wethersfield is available for sub-committee meetings, however, it must be reserved as early as possible in order to guarantee availability.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 P.M.