

NOTICE TO THE BAR

INCREASED FORECLOSURE COMPLAINT FEE AND RESTORATION FEE; CHANGES TO THE FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROCESS; REVISED FORECLOSURE MEDIATION FORMS AVAILABLE

Effective November 1, 2019, the foreclosure complaint fee is \$405 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:50-80. The revenues from this fee increase are intended by statute to fund the Judiciary's mediation program and the use of housing counselors. Additionally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:50-56.3, the restoration fee on dismissed complaints on November 1, 2019 increases from \$500 to \$810.

Further, also effective November 1, 2019, foreclosure mediation participants are required by N.J.S.A. 2A:50-78 to consult with a certified housing counselor. That counselor must submit a certification to the court indicating compliance with that statutory requirement.

Additionally, the Judiciary has promulgated revised mediation forms to include the housing counselor requirements and the revised eligibility requirements. Those forms can be found on the Judiciary's website at https://www.njcourts.gov/forms/11270_hud_njhmfa_borrower_instruct.pdf. Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Superior Court Clerk's Office at 609-421-6100.



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