

Supreme Court of Florida

No. AOSC15-9

IN RE: CONTINUED CASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL
PROPERTY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CASES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Consistent with In Re: Final Report and Recommendations of the Foreclosure Initiative Workgroup, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC13-28 (June 21, 2013), and In Re: Case Status Reporting Requirements for Real Property Mortgage Foreclosure Cases, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC13-51 (Oct. 16, 2013), this Court finds it beneficial to require the continued real property mortgage foreclosure data reporting requirements as detailed in the data collection plan prepared by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.¹

Our trial courts have dedicated considerable resources toward the just and timely disposition of foreclosure cases, thereby resolving more than 250,000 foreclosure cases during the last two and a half years. Nevertheless, a significant

1. See FY 2013-14 Foreclosure Initiative Data Collection Plan (June 2013), Office of the State Courts Administrator (on file and available on the Florida Courts website at http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/funding/MortgageForeclosureCases.shtml).

number, approximately 120,000, of foreclosure cases remain pending in the court system.

Under the current real property mortgage foreclosure reporting requirements, clerks of the circuit court provide additional case information that allows the court system to better assess the status of foreclosure cases in the circuits. In order for the court system to continue to determine whether public resources are being used efficiently, accurate and timely court data must continue to be collected and meaningful statistics calculated and reported.

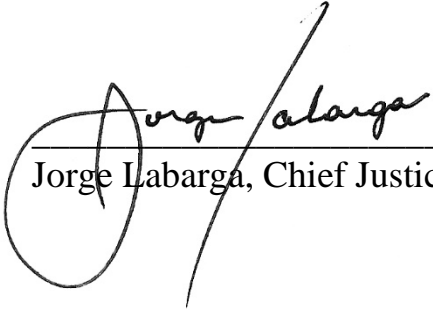
In accordance with section 25.075, Florida Statutes, the court system has developed a uniform case reporting system. The Summary Reporting System, or SRS as it is commonly known, provides the Office of the State Courts Administrator with data that assists the Supreme Court in its management and oversight role of the judicial branch. Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.245 requires the clerks of the circuit court to report the activity of all cases before all courts within the clerk's jurisdiction to this Court in the manner established by the Office of the State Courts Administrator and approved by order of this Court.

The clerks of the circuit court are hereby directed to continue real property mortgage foreclosure data reporting requirements as detailed in the data collection plan prepared by the Office of the State Courts Administrator through June 30, 2016, or until such time this Court revisits the requirement. This plan includes

reporting requirements that provide the requisite information to compute: 1) time to disposition, 2) age of pending cases, and 3) clearance rate.


The Florida Supreme Court recognizes and appreciates the valuable contributions the clerks of the circuit court have provided throughout the mortgage foreclosure crisis and will continue to provide in support of this important initiative.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on April 1, 2015.



Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice

ATTEST:



John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court

