



District Court Executive and Clerk of Court

October 7,2011

Clerk, United States District Court Eastern District of California

Re: MDL 2274 In Re: CITIMORTGAGE, INC, HOME AFFORDABLE

Transfer of your Civil Case No. 2:11-CV-00793

Case Title: BALBIR SINGH -VS- CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

Dear Sir/Madam:

An order having been made by the Judicial Panel on Multi-district Litigation transferring the above-numbered case to this district and assigning Judge Dale S. Fischer to preside over this litigation, we are transmitting herewith a certified copy of the conditional transfer order from the MDL Panel. We have assigned the following case number to this case: _____CV11-__8322_DSF (PLAx) Please include reference to this case number when the case file is sent to this district.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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Please electronically send the case file to MDLCLerk @cacd.uscourts.gov. We would appreciate receiving the case file as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Clerk, U.S. District Court

SBOURGEO By:

Deputy Clerk

cc: All counsel on the attorney service list. Clerk, MDL Panel

CV-118 (11/10)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Dale S. Fischer and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Paul Abrams.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

CV11- 8322 DSF (PLAx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

[X] Western Division 312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Southern Division 411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053 Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

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Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

	FILED CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL on MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION	10-07-11 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BY: SB DEPUTY
IN RE: CITIMORTGAGE, INC., HOME AFFORDABLE MODIFICATION PROGRAM (HAMP) CONTRACT LITIGATION 2:11-cv-08322-DSF -PLA Balbir Singh v. CitiMortgage, Inc.	MDL No. 2274 DSF-PLA

Before the Panel:^{*} Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, defendant CitiMortgage, Inc. (Citi) moves to centralize this litigation in the Northern District of Illinois or the Eastern District of Missouri. This litigation currently consists of eight actions pending in six districts, as listed on Schedule A.¹ All responding parties agree that centralization is appropriate, but suggest centralization in the District of Massachusetts, the Central District of California, or the Eastern District of California. Citi considers the Central District of California the most appropriate transferee district if the Panel does not centralize these actions in a geographically central jurisdiction.

TRANSFER ORDER

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On the basis of the papers filed and hearing session held, we find that these actions involve common questions of fact, and that centralization in the Central District of California will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of this litigation. These actions share factual questions arising out of allegations that Citi regularly fails to comply with the terms of the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and has breached contracts with the plaintiffs by failing to permanently modify plaintiffs' mortgages under HAMP. Centralization will eliminate duplicative discovery; prevent inconsistent pretrial rulings, including with respect to class certification; and conserve the resources of the parties, their counsel, and the judiciary. Centralization is also consistent with our decision in *In re Bank of Am. Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) Contract Litig.*, 746 F. Supp. 2d 1359 (J.P.M.L. 2010).

We are persuaded that the Central District of California is the most appropriate transferee district. Four first-filed actions have been consolidated and are proceeding in that district before Judge Dale S. Fischer, an experienced transferee judge who is not currently presiding over an MDL. Moreover, defendant and some plaintiffs support centralization in this district.

¹ Two additional actions pending in the Southern District of Iowa and the Southern District of New York were originally included on the motion for centralization, but have since been dismissed.

I hereby attest and certify on <u>10-07-11</u> that the foregoing document is full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, and in my legal custody.

CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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Judge W. Royal Furgeson, Jr. took no part in the decision of this matter.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, the actions listed on Schedule A and pending outside the Central District of California are transferred to the Central District of California and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Dale S. Fischer for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with the action pending there and listed on Schedule A.

PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

Ľ., John G. Heyburn I Chairman

Kathryn H. Vratil Barbara S. Jones Marjorie O. Rendell Frank C. Damrell, Jr. Paul J. Barbadoro

IN RE: CITIMORTGAGE, INC., HOME AFFORDABLE MODIFICATION PROGRAM (HAMP) CONTRACT LITIGATION

MDL No. 2274

SCHEDULE A

Central District of California

Beverly King, et al. v. CitiMortgage, Inc., C.A. No. 2:10-03792

Eastern District of California

Balbir Singh v. CitiMortgage, Inc., C.A. No. 2:11-00793 - N-CV-8322 DSF (PLAX) *

Northern District of Illinois

Leslie Barry, et al. v. CitiMortgage, Inc., C.A. No. 1:11-02918 - 11-02-8323 DSF (PLAx) .

District of Massachusetts

Davidson Calfee, et al. v. CitiMortgage, Inc., C.A. No. 1:10-12051 - 11-CV-8324 DSF (PLAK).

District of New Jersey

Juan Silva, et al. v. CitiMortage, Inc., C.A. No. 2:11-01432 - 11-CV-8325 DSF (PLAx) Jo Ann Gastineau v. CitiMortgage, Inc., C.A. No. 3:11-02773 - 11-CV-8324 DSF (PLAx)

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

William T. Whiting v. CitiMortgage, Inc., C.A. No. 2:11-02318 - 11-CV-8327 DSF (PLAK) . David G. Derosa, et al. v. CitiMortgage, Inc., C.A. No. 2:11-02914 II-CV-8328 DSF (PLAK).