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| 4 | UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT | |
| 5 | NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA | |
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| 7 | REY TABONES, et al., | Case No. <u>13-cv-05225-WHO</u> |
| 8 | Plaintiffs, | |
| 9 | V. | ORDER REFERRING CASE TO ADR UNIT FOR ASSESSMENT TELEPHONE |
| 10 | DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, et al., | CONFERENCE; VACATING PENDING MOTIONS |
| 11 | Defendants. | |
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| 13 | Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the court refers this foreclosure-related action to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit for a telephone | |
| 14 | conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference. Plaintiff and | |
| 15 | defendants' counsel shall participate in a telephone conference, to be scheduled by the ADR Unit | |
| 16 | as soon as possible but no later than March 31, 2014. | |
| 17 | Plaintiff and defendant's counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects: | |
| 18 | (1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents. | |
| | (2) Prospects for loan modification. | |
| 19 | (3) Prospects for settlement. | |
| 20 | The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone | |
| 21 | conference. | |
| 22 | In preparation for the telephone conference, plaintiff shall do the following: | |
| 23 | (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine whether | |
| 24 | they have merit. | |
| 25 | (2) If plaintiff is seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the claims, | |
| 26 | plaintiff shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the | |
| 27 | information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification | |
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| 1 | request. Further, plaintiff shall immediately notify defendants' counsel of the | |
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| 2 | request for a loan modification. | |
| 3 | (3) Provide counsel for defendants with information necessary to evaluate the | |
| 4 | prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet or | |
| 5 | application customarily used by financial institutions. | |
| 6 | (4) In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for defendants shall do the | |
| 7 | following. | |
| 8 | (5) If defendants are unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving | |
| 9 | notice of plaintiff's request, counsel for defendants shall promptly notify plaintiff to | |
| 10 | that effect. | |
| 11 | (6) Arrange for a representative of each defendant with full settlement authority to | |
| 12 | participate in the telephone conference. | |
| 12 | The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time that the telephone conference | |
| 13 14 | will be held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the court of its | |
| 14 | recommendation for further ADR proceedings. | |
| 15 | Defendants' motion to dismiss and motion to expunge lis pendens (Docket Numbers 11 | |
| 10 | and 12), set for hearing on March 5, 2014, are VACATED. The Court will re-notice the motions | |
| | if the ADR Unit or the parties notify the Court that no further ADR proceedings will occur. | |
| 18 | IT IS SO ORDERED. | |
| 19 | Dated: February 19, 2014 | |
| 20 | Dated: February 19, 2014 | |
| 21 | WILLIAM H. ORRICK United States District Judge | |
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