

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIAJAMES SCHMIDT, *et al.*,

No. C-13-00098 DMR

Plaintiffs,

**ORDER REFERRING CASE TO ADR
UNIT FOR ASSESSMENT TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE**

v.

JP MORGAN CHASE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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 conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference. Plaintiffs and Defendants' counsel shall participate in a telephone conference, to be scheduled by the ADR Unit by April 1, 2013 or as soon thereafter as is convenient to the ADR Unit.

Plaintiffs and Defendants' counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

(1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents.

(2) Prospects for loan modification.

(3) Prospects for settlement.

The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone conference.

In preparation for the telephone conference, Plaintiffs shall do the following:

- (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine whether they have merit.
- (2) If Plaintiffs are seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the claims, Plaintiffs shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification request. Further, Plaintiffs shall immediately notify Defendants' counsel of the request for a loan modification.
- (3) Provide counsel for Defendants with information necessary to evaluate the prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet or application customarily used by financial institutions.

In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for Defendants shall do the following.

- (1) If Defendants are unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving notice of Plaintiffs' request, counsel for Defendants shall promptly notify Plaintiff to that effect.
- (2) Arrange for a representative of each Defendant with full settlement authority to participate in the telephone conference.

The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time the telephone conference will be held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the court of its recommendation for further ADR proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 18, 2013



DONNA M. RYU
United States Magistrate Judge

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