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7	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
8	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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10	LONI ALEXANDER, LONI ALEXANDER AS TRUSTEE FOR	CASE NO. 13-cv-407-MMA (WVG)
11	PROVENCE TRUST,	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE
12	Plaintiffs, vs.	[Doc. No. 5]
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14 15	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, and Does 1-10 inclusive,	
16	Defendants.	
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18	Plaintiff Loni Alexander ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of herself and as Trustee for	
19	Provence Trust, brings this mortgage-related dispute against Defendant Deutsche	
20	Bank National Trust Company ("Defendant"). Defendant now moves to dismiss	
21	Plaintiff's Complaint under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 8 and 12(b)(6). See	
22	Doc. No. 5. Upon receiving leave of Court, Plaintiff filed an untimely opposition to	
23	the motion, to which Defendant replied. See Doc. Nos. 8-4, 12. For the following	
24	reasons, the Court GRANTS Defendant's motion to dismiss.	
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### BACKGROUND<sup>1</sup>

On June 28, 2007, Plaintiff obtained a \$999,999 mortgage loan from IndyMac
Bank, FSB ("IMB") in order to refinance her residence located at 2167 South Grade
Road, Alpine, California ("the Property"). [Compl. ¶¶ 6, 33.] The loan was secured
by a deed of trust on the Property. [*Id.* ¶ 33.] The deed of trust lists Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as the beneficiary, and Chicago
Title Insurance Co. as Trustee. [*Id.*; *see* June 28, 2007 Deed of Trust, Def's Request
for Judicial Notice ("RJN"), Ex. A.]

Plaintiff then alleges that IMB attempted to sell or assign her loan, but, for
reasons difficult to discern from the complaint, did not validly do so. [Compl. ¶ 35.]
Later, IMB was acquired by OneWest Bank Group, LLC ("OneWest"). *Id.* ¶ 36.]
Plaintiff alleges that "[t]o date, there have been no valid substitutions or assignments
... such that [IMB], and now [OneWest] as successor remains the owner of the Note
and the Lender under the Note and Deed of trust, and Chicago Title remains the
named Trustee to the exclusion of all others." [*Id.* ¶ 42.]

According to Defendant, shortly after Plaintiff's loan closed, Plaintiff's loan 16 was pooled and placed in the IndyMac INDA Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-FLX6, 17 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-FLX6 ("2007 Trust") pursuant to 18 the terms of a Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated July 1, 2007 ("PSA"). [See 19 20 RJN, Ex. B.] Although ownership of Plaintiff's loan was transferred to the 2007 21 Trust, IMB retained the servicing rights to the loan. [Id. at 1.] On July 11, 2008, IMB failed and was closed by the Office of Thrift Supervision. The FDIC was 22 appointed as receiver. [See Office of Thrift Supervision Order ("OTS") Order No. 23 24 2008-24, RJN, Ex. C.] The assets of IMB were transferred to the newly-chartered

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 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because this matter is before the Court on a motion to dismiss, the Court must accept as true the allegations of the complaint in question. *Hospital Bldg. Co. v. Rex Hospital Trustees*, 425 U.S. 738, 740 (1976). However, as it is difficult to reconstruct a factual background from the Complaint alone, the Court supplements the background section with facts taken from the documents attached to Defendant's motion to dismiss. As discussed below, the Court takes judicial notice of the facts contained in these documents.

IndyMac Federal Bank, FSB ("IMFB"), for which the FDIC was appointed as 1 Conservator and operated IMFB from July 11, 2008 until March 19, 2009. [See 2 3 generally Servicing Business Asset Purchase Agreement, RJN, Ex. D.] On March 19, 2009, IMFB was closed and the FDIC was appointed as Receiver. In its capacity 4 5 as receiver, the FDIC sold and transferred certain assets of IMFB to newly-formed OneWest. The transferred assets included the servicing rights to Plaintiff's loan. 6 7 [See id.] On January 10, 2011, MERS assigned its beneficial interest in Plaintiff's 8 loan to Deutsche Bank, as trustee for the 2007 Trust. [See Assignment of Deed of Trust, RJN, Ex. F.] This assignment was recorded on June 3, 2011. [Id.] 9

Plaintiff alleges that on February 24, 2011, Meridian Foreclosure Service 10 ("Meridian") caused to be recorded and sent to Plaintiff a Notice of Default and 11 12 Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust. [Compl. ¶ 44.] Plaintiff alleges that Luis 13 Henriquez, who signed the notice, was not authorized to do so by IMB, OneWest, or MERS. [Id. ¶¶ 46-47.] Plaintiff alleges that Defendant was merely a third-party 14 stranger to the loan transaction, with no right or power to act under the Note or Deed 15 16 of Trust. [Id. ¶ 50.] Plaintiff does not dispute that money is owed on her mortgage 17 obligation. [*Id.* ¶ 31.]

Based on these events, on February 20, 2013, Plaintiff alleging claims for (1) 18 declaratory relief; (2) negligence; (3) breach of quasi contract; (4) violation of the 19 Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"); (5) violation of California's Unfair 20 21 Business Practices act; (6) accounting; and (7) cancellation of instruments. Plaintiff asserts "the documents recorded by or on behalf of [Defendant] were not in any 22 manner authorized or executed by a real party in interest in the Note and Deed of 23 Trust, and are fabrications and forgeries executed by as yet unidentified rogue 24 25 employees of [Defendant]." [Compl. ¶ 30.]

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LEGAL STANDARD

A Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss tests the sufficiency of the complaint. *Navarro v. Block*, 250 F.3d 729, 732 (9th Cir. 2001). "While a complaint attacked

by a Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss does not need detailed factual allegations, a
plaintiff's obligation to provide the grounds of his entitlement to relief requires more
than labels and conclusions, and a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of
action will not do. Factual allegations must be enough to raise a right to relief above
the speculative level." *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007)
(internal quotations, brackets, and citations omitted).

7 In reviewing a motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6), the Court must assume 8 the truth of all factual allegations and must construe them in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party. Cahill v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co., 80 F.3d 336, 337-38 (9th 9 Cir. 1996). Legal conclusions need not be taken as true merely because they are cast 10 in the form of factual allegations. Roberts v. Corrothers, 812 F.2d 1173, 1177 (9th 11 12 Cir. 1987); W. Mining Council v. Watt, 643 F.2d 618, 624 (9th Cir. 1981). 13 Similarly, "conclusory allegations of law and unwarranted inferences are not sufficient to defeat a motion to dismiss." Pareto v. FDIC, 139 F.3d 696, 699 (9th 14 Cir. 1998). 15

16 In determining the propriety of a Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal, generally, a court may not look beyond the complaint for additional facts. United States v. Ritchie, 17 18 342 F.3d 903, 908 (9th Cir. 2003); Parrino v. FHP, Inc., 146 F.3d 699, 705-06 (9th Cir. 1998). However, Federal Rule of Evidence 201 allows the Court to take judicial 19 20notice of certain items without converting the motion to dismiss into one for 21 summary judgment. Barron v. Reich, 13 F.3d 1370, 1377 (9th Cir. 1994). The Court may take judicial notice of facts "not subject to reasonable dispute" because 22 they are either: "(1) generally known within the territorial jurisdiction of the trial 23 24 court or (2) capable of accurate and ready determination by resort to sources whose 25 accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned." Fed. R. Evid. 201; see also Lee v. City of Los Angeles, 250 F.3d 668, 689 (9th Cir. 2001) (noting that the court may take 26 judicial notice of undisputed "matters of public record"), overruled on other grounds 27 by 307 F.3d 1119, 1125–26 (9th Cir. 2002). The court may disregard allegations in 28

a complaint that are contradicted by matters properly subject to judicial notice. *Daniels-Hall v. Nat'l Educ. Ass'n*, 629 F.3d 992, 998 (9th Cir. 2010).

### **DISCUSSION**

# A. Judicial Notice

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5 Defendant seeks judicial notice of seven documents: (1) a copy of the Deed of Trust recorded on July 17, 2007 in the official records of the San Diego County 6 7 Recorder; (2) the July 1, 2007 PSA between IMB and Defendant, which is publically 8 available on the Security Exchange Commission's website; (3) a July 11, 2008, order from the Office of Thrift Supervision appointing the FDIC as receiver; (4) a 9 Servicing Business Asset Purchase Agreement between the FDIC, the receiver for 10 IMFB, and OneWest available on the FDIC's website; (5) the Notice of Default 11 12 recorded February 24, 2011 in the official records of the San Diego County Recorder 13 as instrument no. 2011-0102393; (6) the Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on June 3, 2011 in the official records of the San Diego County Recorder as instrument 14 no. 2011-0284142; and (7) the Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on July 20, 15 2012, in the official records of the San Diego County Recorder as instrument 16 17 number 2012-0421624.

Under Federal Rule of Evidence 201(b), a district court may take notice of 18 facts not subject to reasonable dispute that are "capable of accurate and ready 19 20determination by resort to sources whose accuracy cannot reasonably be 21 questioned." Fed. R. Evid. 201(b). Plaintiff objects to Defendant's request for judicial notice, arguing that this Court should not take judicial notice of the facts 22 stated within the documents, as the statements are hearsay. [See Opp. at 1-2.] 23 24 However, Plaintiff does not question the authenticity of the documents themselves. 25 The Court overrules Plaintiff's hearsay objections in light of the fact that all of Defendant's exhibits are available from public records. For example, Exhibits A 26 (Deed of Trust), E (Notice of Default), F (Assignment of Deed), and G (further 27 Assignment), of which Defendant requests judicial notice, are all records filed with 28

the county recorder. Courts routinely take judicial notice of these types of 1 documents. See, e.g., Liebelt v. Quality Loan Serv. Corp., 2011 WL 741056, at \*6 2 n.2 (N.D. Cal. 2011); Reynolds v. Applegate, 2011 WL 560757, at \*1 n.2 (N.D. Cal. 3 2011); Giordano v. Wachovia Mortg., FSB, 2010 WL 5148428, at \* 1 n.2 (N.D. Cal. 4 5 2011). In addition, RJN Exhibits B, C, and D are documents obtained from administrative agencies and are therefore properly noticed as a public record. See 6 Barron v. Reich, 13 F.3d 1370, 1377 (9th Cir. 1994).<sup>2</sup> 7

8 Thus, the Court finds that the accuracy of these documents cannot reasonably be questioned as they are all either publically recorded documents or publically 9 available government documents. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** Defendant's 10 requests for judicial notice. 11

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#### **B**. Standing

As a preliminary matter, Defendant argues that the complaint must be 13 dismissed on standing grounds because Plaintiff fails to identify the trust of which 14 Defendant is purportedly the trustee. [Mot. at 8.] Plaintiff acknowledges that this 15 16 deficiency must be cured in order to prevent dismissal. Accordingly, Plaintiff 17 requests leave to amend her complaint to substitute "INDX Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-FLX6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates 2007-FLX6" in place and instead 18 of "The Unknown Trust."<sup>3</sup> [Opp. at 7.] 19

As a general rule, a court freely grants leave to amend a complaint which has 20 21 been dismissed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). However, leave to amend may be denied when "the court determines that the allegation of other facts consistent with the 22 challenged pleading could not possibly cure the deficiency." Schreiber Distrib. Co. 23

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Furthermore, to the extent that these exhibits are considered for the truth of the matter asserted, they are either business or public records under Fed. R. Evid. 803(6) and 803(8) and 26 therefore constitute exceptions to the hearsay rule.

<sup>27</sup> <sup>3</sup> The Court notes that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a) afforded Plaintiff the opportunity to amend her complaint as a matter of course within 21 days after service of Defendant's motion to 28 dismiss. Fed. R. Čiv. P. 15(a)(1)(B). As this opportunity has now passed, however, Plaintiff must seek leave of court to amend.

v. Serv-Well Furniture Co., 806 F.2d 1393, 1401 (9th Cir. 1986). To determine
 whether leave to amend would be futile, the Court assumes for purposes of this order
 that Plaintiff has properly identified the trust over which Defendant serves as trustee.
 As will be demonstrated, the Court finds that amendment would be futile, and thus
 denies Plaintiff's request to amend her complaint.

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# C. Individual Claims for Relief

7 The crux of Plaintiff's complaint is as follows:

Plaintiffs allege[] that at NO TIME did MERS affect an assignment, transfer, negotiation, or sale of the Deed of Trust to any Defendant or Doe Defendant, or anyone at any time, and any document, that purports to have effectuated such an assignment, transfer, negotiation, or sale of the Deed of Trust, including the Notice of Default was executed by a stranger to the Lender, and also to MERS, and someone without the legal authority to undertake any act for or on behalf of MERS as agent of the true lender.

[Compl. ¶ 62.] In opposition, Plaintiff clarifies that "through the instant lawsuit,
Plaintiff . . . will establish that Defendant . . . in its capacity as purported assignee of
Plaintiff's Note and Deed of Trust are not and were not her true creditors and as such
have and had no legal, equitable, or pecuniary right in the debt obligation secured by
the Plaintiff's real property that is the subject of these proceedings." [Opp. at 1.]

18 However, the documents submitted by Defendant and which are subject to judicial notice directly refute Plaintiff's allegation that Defendant is a stranger to the 19 20 loan. Under these documents, (1) Plaintiff obtained the loan from IMB in 2007 21 secured by a deed of trust; (2) this loan was pooled and placed in the 2007 Trust; and (3) the beneficial interest in the deed of trust was later assigned to Defendant. Thus, 22 there is an unbroken chain of title that supports Defendant's right to receive 23 24 payments under the loan. See McLaughlin v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 2012 WL 25 5994924, at \*6 (C.D. Cal. 2012) (finding that "[b]ecause there is an unbroken chain of title and Plaintiff has failed to properly allege a claim for fraud so as to invalidate 26 the recorded documents," defendants had the authority to demand payment on the 27 mortgage loan). 28

In response to these facts, Plaintiff states that she "will not dispute that the 1 2 [assignment document] exists, but will dispute that MERS authorized, signed, or had 3 knowledge of the purported assignment and that the person who signed the assignment was authorized by MERS." [Opp. at 3.] However, the Court finds that 4 5 amendment of the complaint to include these allegations would be futile. "[D]istrict courts have held that borrowers who were not parties to the assignment of their 6 7 deed-and whose rights were not affected by it-lacked standing to challenge the 8 assignment's validity because they had not alleged a concrete and particularized injury that is fairly traceable to the challenged assignment." Margues v. Federal 9 Home Loan Mortg. Corp., 2012 WL 6091412, at \*4 (S.D. Cal. 2012) (quoting 10 Silving v. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, 2012 WL 135989, at \*3 (D. Ariz. 2012); In re 11 12 MERS Litig., 2011 WL 4550189 (D. Ariz. Oct.3, 2011) (quotations omitted). "[T]he validity of the assignment does not affect whether [the] borrower owes its 13 obligations, but only to whom [the] borrower is obliged." Id. at \*5 (quoting Livonia 14 Prop. Holdings, L.L.C. v. Farmington Road Holdings, L.L.C., 717 F. Supp. 2d 724, 15 735-36 (E.D. Mich. 2010)). Therefore, the Court finds that Plaintiff lacks standing 16 17 to challenge the assignment of the Deed of Trust.

18 Additionally, Plaintiff contends that the assignment of the Deed of Trust was invalid on the ground that "[t]he parties involved in the alleged Securitization and 19 20transfer of Plaintiffs' Note and Mortgage failed to adhere to section 2.01 of the related PSA ....." [Compl. ¶ 53.] "To the extent Plaintiff bases her claims on the 21 theory that [Defendant] allegedly failed to comply with the terms of the PSA, the 22 court finds that she lacks standing to do so because she is neither a party to, nor a 23 third party beneficiary of, that agreement ." McLaughlin, 2012 WL 5994924, at \*4 24 25 (quoting Sami v. Wells Fargo Bank, 2012 WL 967051, at \*5 (N.D. Cal. 2012) (dismissing claims based on the allegation that defendant bank transferred or 26 assigned the Deed of Trust after the securitized trust closing date in violation of the 27 PSA)). Thus, Plaintiff does not have standing to challenge the assignment on the 28

1 basis of violations of the PSA.

Because the Court finds that Plaintiff's mortgage loan was assigned to
Defendant, thereby giving Defendant the right to seek payment, Plaintiff's claims
must be dismissed. Plaintiff requests leave to amend her complaint to provide
"plausible factual assertions" in support of her position that MERS did not affect any
assignment of the Deed of Trust. [Opp. at 10.] However, the Court finds that
dismissal with prejudice is warranted because amendment would be futile absent
allegations that the assignment documents were fraudulent.

9 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 9(b) states that an allegation of "fraud or mistake must state with particularity the circumstances constituting fraud." Fed. R. 10 Civ. P. 9(b). The "circumstances" required by Rule 9(b) are the "who, what, when, 11 12 where, and how" of the fraudulent activity. Vess v. Ciba–Geigy Corp. USA, 317 13 F.3d 1097, 1106 (9th Cir. 2003); Neubronner v. Milken, 6 F.3d 666, 672 (9th Cir. 1993) ("[Rule 9(b) requires] the times, dates, places, benefits received, and other 14 details of the alleged fraudulent activity."). In addition, the allegation "must set 15 16 forth what is false or misleading about a statement, and why it is false." Vess, 317 17 F.3d at 1106 (quoting In re Glenfed, Inc. Secs. Litig., 42 F.3d 1541, 1548 (9th Cir. 1994)). Rule 9(b)'s heightened pleading standard applies not only to federal claims, 18 but also to state law claims brought in federal court. Id. at 1103. This heightened 19 20pleading standard ensures that "allegations of fraud are specific enough to give 21 defendants notice of the particular misconduct which is alleged to constitute the fraud charged so that they can defend against the charge and not just deny that they 22 have done anything wrong." Semegen v. Weidner, 780 F.2d 727, 731 (9th Cir. 23 1985). 24

Here, in taking judicial notice of the aforementioned documents, the Court has
conclusively determined that the accuracy of these documents cannot reasonably be
questioned. Further, Plaintiff does not indicate what additional plausible facts she
might include, or otherwise indicate an ability to satisfy the stringent pleading

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requirements for claims of fraud. Thus, the Court is convinced that this complaint
 cannot be saved by any amendment.

In light of the determination that Plaintiff's claims should be dismissed with
prejudice, the Court only briefly addresses each specific claim.

1. Declaratory Relief

Plaintiff's claim for declaratory relief is directly tied to the allegation that
Defendant was a stranger to the loan, and thus did not have the authority to collect
mortgage payments from Plaintiff. Thus, for the reasons above, and also because
none of Plaintiff's substantive claims survive Defendant's motion to dismiss, this
claim necessarily fails. *See Glue–Fold, Inc. v. Slautterback Corp.*, 82 Cal. App. 4th
1018, 1023 n.3, 98 Cal. Rptr. 2d 661 (2000) (noting that equitable forms of remedy
"have no separate viability" if plaintiff's other causes of action fail).

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2. Negligence

Plaintiff alleges that Defendant breached its duty of care not to collect 14 mortgage payments where Defendant lacked the right to enforce the underlying 15 16 obligation. [Compl. ¶ 106.] In addition to the reasons stated above, this claim fails 17 because financial institutions generally do not owe a duty of care to a borrower when its activities do not exceed those of a conventional money lender. Nymark v. Heart 18 Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 231 Cal. App. 3d 1089, 1095-96 (Ct. App. 1991). 19 20 "Furthermore, a trustee under a deed of trust owes Plaintiff no duty beyond its duties 21 contained in Cal. Civ. Code §§ 2924, et seq." Id. (citations omitted).

While Plaintiff alleges that Defendant owes her a duty of care because of their
"unconventional relationship," Plaintiff bases her negligence claim on allegations
that Defendant was a stranger to the loan and did not have the right to enforce it.
[Compl. ¶ 106.] For the reasons stated above, these allegations are insufficient to
establish an unconventional relationship necessary to compel the Court to deviate
from the general rule that financial institutions do not owe a duty of care to
borrowers. *Nymark*, 231 Cal. App. 3d at 1096. As Plaintiff is unable to establish a

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duty, and for the reasons stated previously with respect to Defendant's right to collect payment, the cause of action for negligence is dismissed with prejudice.

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## Quasi Contract

Plaintiff's claim for breach of quasi contract is based on the theory that 4 5 Defendant had no interest in the note or deed of trust when it attempted to improperly collect on the loan. [Compl. ¶ 112.] For the reasons set forth above, this 6 claim fails and is dismissed. 7

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#### 4. **FDCPA**

Plaintiff asserts violations of the FDCPA against Defendant, which moves to 9 dismiss the claim on grounds that they are not debt collectors as defined by the 10 FDCPA, and foreclosure-related activity conducted pursuant to a deed of trust does 11 12 not constitute debt collection within the meaning of the FDCPA.

13 The declared purpose of the FDCPA is to "eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors . . . and to promote consistent state action to protect 14 consumers against debt collection abuses." 15 U.S.C. § 1692. The FDCPA defines 15 16 "debt" as "any obligation or alleged obligation of a consumer to pay money arising 17 out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance, or services which are the subject of the transaction are primarily for personal, family, or household 18 purposes, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment." 15 U.S.C. 19 20 \$ 1692a(5). It is well-established that the activity of foreclosing on property 21 pursuant to a deed of trust is not "collection of a debt" within the meaning of the FDCPA. See, e.g., Izenberg v. ETS Servs., LLC, 589 F. Supp. 2d 1193, 1199 (C.D. 22 Cal. 2008) (citing Ines v. Countrywide Home Loans, 2008 WL 4791863, at \*2 (S.D. 23 24 Cal. 2008)). As one district court explained, Foreclosing on a trust deed is distinct from the collection of the obligation to pay money. The FDCPA is intended to curtail objectionable acts occurring in the process of collecting funds from a debtor. But, foreclosing on a trust deed is an entirely different 25

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path. Payment of funds is not the object of the foreclosure action. Rather, the lender is foreclosing its interest in the property.

1 *Hulse v. Ocwen Fed. Bank*, 195 F. Supp. 2d 1188, 1204 (D. Or. 2002).

Plaintiff's FDCPA claim cannot be based on the allegation that Defendant recorded the notice of default, as such activity does not qualify as "debt collecting" under the FDCPA. Furthermore, this claim fails because it is based on Defendant not having the legal right to collect loan payments. Thus, this claim is dismissed.

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California Business and Professions Code

Plaintiff next alleges that Defendant engaged in unlawful, unfair, and
fraudulent business practices in violation of California's Unfair Competition Law,
Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.* ("UCL"). Defendant asserts that Plaintiff
fails to state a claim under this statutory provision.

California's UCL prohibits unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business acts or
practices. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.*; *Wolfe v. State Farm Fire & Casualty Ins. Co.*, 46 Cal. App. 554, 558 (1996). The law is "sweeping, embracing
anything that can properly be called a business practice and at the same time is
forbidden by law." *Cel-Tech Communs., Inc. v. L.A. Cellular Tel. Co.*, 20 Cal. 4th
163, 180 (1999). The UCL "borrows violations of other laws and treats them as
unlawful practices that the [UCL] makes independently actionable." *Id.*

Plaintiff alleges that Defendant engage in fraudulent business practices with
respect to mortgage loan servicing by: executing and recording false and misleading
documents; executing and recording documents without the legal authority to do so;
failing to disclose the principal for which documents were being executed and
recorded; demanding and accepting payments for debts that were non-existent;
violating the security first rule; and acting as a beneficiary without the legal
authority to do so. [Compl. ¶ 116.]

The Court finds that this claim is directly derivative of the previous claims
which the Court has determined to be without merit. Thus, this claim also
necessarily fails.

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6. Accounting 1 As Plaintiff "tethers" her claim for an accounting to the previously asserted 2 causes of action [see Compl. ¶ 125], this claim fails. 3 7. Cancellation of Instruments 4 Plaintiff seeks the cancellation of the Notice of Default recorded with the San 5 Diego County Recorder's Office on February 23, 2011. However, as discussed 6 previously, Plaintiff has failed to allege facts to demonstrate such notice was 7 unlawful. The Court dismisses this claim. 8 9 CONCLUSION For the foregoing reasons, the Court GRANTS Defendant's motion to dismiss 10 and **DISMISSES** Plaintiff's Complaint with prejudice. The Clerk of Court shall 11 12 terminate the case. IT IS SO ORDERED. 13 DATED: July 1, 2013 14 Michael Tu - ( rello 15 16 Hon. Michael M. Anello United States District Judge 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28