IN RE THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FORECLOSURE MEDIATION ALTERNATIVES

ORDER

Whereas mortgage foreclosure filings continue to remain at significant levels in Wisconsin, and:

Whereas Wisconsin statute sec. 802.12(2) provides the Circuit Court with authority in appropriate cases to order the parties to select a settlement alternative such as mediation, and;

Whereas the Wisconsin Foreclosure Mediation Network and Dispute Solutions offer a voluntary foreclosure mediation program, which is available to one-four family residences and lenders to communicate and discuss settlement alternatives early in the foreclosure process with the goal of reducing the number of foreclosures either through work outs, loan modifications or other alternatives to foreclosure that may be available, and

Whereas the Florence County Circuit Judge have reviewed and approved the implementation of the program for Florence County cases;

Now, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED until further order, in all residential (1-4 family) foreclosure actions filed on and after the effective date of January 15, 2013, the plaintiff shall attach to the front of the summons served the defendant/mortgagor the attached forms:

- (1) Notice of Availability of Mediation, and
- (2) Mediation Request Form

Which shall both be reproduced on yellow paper.

The "Program Description" adopted herein shall be made available on the www.mediatemilwaukee.com website.

Dated at Florence Nunc pro tunc January 15, 2013. ____, Wisconsin, this 26 day of 4 shuary, 2013.

By the Court:

Honorable Leon D. Stenz

Circuit Court Judge