

AMENDED LOCAL RULE

ST. CROIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Effective Date: July 1, 2011

PART 6: Foreclosure Practice

602 Mediation

602.01 Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §802.12, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is available to parties in civil actions including those seeking foreclosures.

602.02 In actions for foreclosure, the Court requires the parties to seek settlement through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures under Wis. Stat. §802.12.

602.02.1 If the parties fail to agree upon a settlement alternative under said statute, the Court will determine whether the case is appropriate for use of a settlement alternative and the Court may order the parties to mediation, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §802.12(2)(b).

602.03 Upon the filing of a Summons and Complaint for foreclosure, the plaintiff(s) will be notified of the availability of foreclosure mediation and the process thereof, including service of mediation information upon the defendant borrower(s).

602.03.1 The foreclosure mediation program is available only to a one to four family owner occupied residential property.

602.04 A request for mediation will not extend the time for filing any responsive pleadings while the applicability of a settlement alternative is determined.

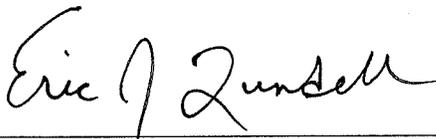
602.04.1 If there is no request for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), none will occur and a responsive pleading is due as required by the Summons.

602.05 In foreclosure actions, the plaintiff(s) shall determine whether and by whom the subject real estate is occupied. If the subject real estate is occupied by persons other than the defendant borrower(s), the plaintiff(s) shall give notice of the pending action to foreclosure to the occupants.

This local rule applies to all actions filed after July 1, 2011.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this rule shall be sent to the Secretary of the St. Croix County Bar Association, the Court Administrator for the Tenth Judicial Administrative District, the State Bar of Wisconsin, the State Law Library, and the Office of the Director of the State Courts.

Dated: July 7, 2011, non pro tunc July 1, 2011

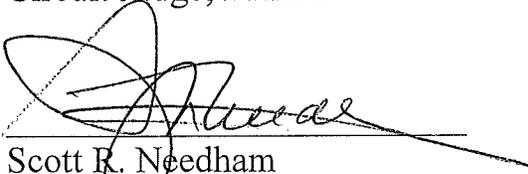


Eric J. Lundell
Circuit Judge, Branch I

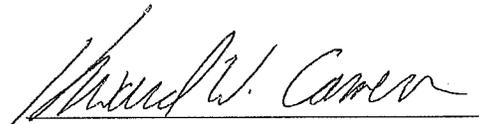
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Edward F. Vlack
Circuit Judge, Branch II



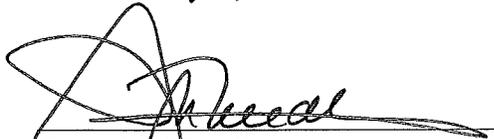
Scott R. Needham
Circuit Judge, Branch III



Howard W. Cameron
Circuit Court, Branch IV

Pursuant to §755.35(1), Wis. Stats., the above St. Croix County Local Rule is approved.

Dated: July 7, 2011



Scott R. Needham
Chief Judge
Tenth Judicial Administrative District