



## **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE & LENDER LIABILITY SEMINAR**

## <u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Introduction & Background
- 2. Lender Liability (and Related Issues)
  - a. Definition
  - b. Helping to Avoid Issues
  - c. Examples
    - Breach of contract
    - Misrepresentations/Breach of Duty of Good Faith
    - Failure to close loan
    - Failure to advance under the loan
    - Fraud or false statements
    - Exercising control over borrower's business
    - Conflict of interest
    - Interfering with borrower's business or contractual relationships
    - Improper disclosure of information
    - Improper demands
    - Exercise of remedies when no default
    - Improper exercise of remedies
    - Rushed closings; inadequate opportunities to consult with counsel;
    - "Predatory" Lending
    - Unfair Trade Practices
  - d. Why Should We Discuss It (Potential Exposure, Delay in Collection, etc.)
  - e. General Considerations & Best Practices
    - i. Documenting Transactions
    - ii. Dos & Don'ts
  - f. Communications with Borrowers/Potential Borrowers
  - g. The Single Action Rule
  - h. Selected Loan Provisions (PJR Waivers, Jury Trial Waivers, Attorneys' Fees Provisions, etc.)
- 3. Commercial v. Residential Foreclosures; Distinctions
- 4. Pre-foreclosure/default considerations & requirements, including:
  - 5. Municipal property registration requirements;
  - 6. Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program;
  - 7. Complying with Notice Requirements
  - 8. Ensuring Proper Documentation relating to Standing
  - 9. Connecticut Foreclosure Mediation Program





## 10. The Foreclosure Case

## a. Pleadings

- i. Elements of the Complaint
- ii. Pleading Alternative Causes of Action
- iii. Reformation
- iv. Equitable Liens
- v. Unjust Enrichment
- vi. Actions on the Note
- vii. Guarantor Liability
- b. Responding to Answers, Special Defenses and/or Counterclaims
- c. Discovery (Both Propounded and Served Upon)
  - i. Written Discovery
  - ii. Depositions
- d. Defenses, Counterclaims and Standing Challenges
- e. Requests to Revise, Motions to Strike, Motions for Summary Judgment
- f. Prejudgment Remedies
- g. Trials
  - i. Witness Testimony
  - ii. Documentation
- 11. Appeals/Appellate Stays Motions to Dismiss Motions to Terminate
- 12. Bankruptcy Stays
- 13. Title Issues
- 14. Wrap-Up and Conclusion