

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2009 – 01

**SUBJECT: CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE/MECHANICS LIEN SECTION**

The Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section of the Chancery Division was created in February of 2005, after mortgage foreclosure filings for calendar year 2004 totaled 15,632. Mortgage foreclosure case filings have increased since the creation of Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section as follows:

2005	16,494
2006	22,248
2007	32,651
2008	43,876

Mortgage foreclosure case filings (unaudited) for the first quarter of 2009 were 13,196. As of the end of February, 2009, there were 46,854 mortgage foreclosure cases pending in the Chancery Division. Based upon mortgage foreclosure filings in the first three months of 2009, and based upon nationwide projections, it is anticipated that mortgage foreclosure filings in Cook County will exceed 52,000 in the year 2009.

If mortgage foreclosure filings and dispositions continue at the current pace, it is estimated that there will be in excess of 63,000 mortgage foreclosure cases pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County as of December 31, 2009. If filings and dispositions continue at the current pace, it is estimated that there will be in excess of 71,000 cases pending as of March 31, 2010. If filings and dispositions continue at the current pace, it is estimated that there will be in excess of 92,000 cases pending as of December 31, 2010.

Beginning in 2005, in order to adjudicate properly the increased numbers of mortgage foreclosure cases in Cook County, the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County has assigned eleven (11) additional judges to the Chancery Division and he has allocated six (6) additional courtrooms to the Chancery Division. One General Chancery calendar was eliminated so that a seventh additional courtroom could be allocated for mortgage foreclosure cases. Eleven (11) additional law clerks and four (4) additional secretaries have been hired for or transferred into the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section to assist the judges handling mortgage foreclosure cases.

