

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2009 - 02

SUBJECT: 2009 CASE MANAGEMENT CALENDAR CALL

On April 1, 2009, General Administrative Order 2009 - 01 was issued, which provided that a Case Management Calendar Call for the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section of all pending mortgage foreclosure and mechanics lien cases filed prior to April 1, 2009, shall be scheduled by the Clerk of the Court for the months of July and August of 2009. Administrative Order 2009 - 01 further provided that the Case Management Calendar Call of mortgage foreclosure cases shall be scheduled on the days and at the times of the existing default foreclosure calls. The default mortgage foreclosure default calls were closed for the months of July and August, 2009 to accommodate the Case Management Calendar Call. Administrative Order 2009 - 01 further put limits on the scheduling of mortgage foreclosure cases filed in 2009 for Judgments of Foreclosure and Sale and Orders Approving Sale.

A meeting was held on April 17, 2009, for members of the mortgage foreclosure bar to outline the goals of the Mortgage Foreclosure Case Management System. It was explained that a primary goal of the Case Management Calendar Call is to categorize and code cases by type of property and that effective July 1, 2009, all mortgage foreclosure cases will upon filing be so coded. The goals of the Mortgage Foreclosure Case Management System, for both the cases to be heard on the 2009 Case Management Calendar Call and for those cases filed beginning July 1, 2009, were identified as follows:

Categorize and code cases by type of property:

- Owner occupied single family home or condominium
- Non-owner occupied single family home or
condominium
- Owner occupied six units or less
- Multi-unit residential
- Commercial, Mixed commercial/residential, or
Industrial
- Vacant land

With commercial/industrial properties, larger multi-unit dwellings, and larger mixed commercial/residential properties, explore Supreme Court Rule 218 requirements, including the status of the pleadings and discovery cut-off dates.

Identify cases where issues of priority of mortgages and liens predominate and explore Supreme Court Rule 218 requirements, including the status of the pleadings and discovery cut-off dates.

With owner occupied properties, ascertain whether an Access to Justice attorney should be appointed, whether credit counseling is appropriate, and whether the case is appropriate for court-ordered mediation.

With smaller mixed commercial/residential and smaller commercial properties, ascertain whether credit counseling and court-ordered mediation is appropriate.

With multi-unit residential buildings, ascertain whether tenants have been notified of the foreclosure case.

Identify cases where a receiver needs to be appointed and, where a receiver has been appointed, set regular reporting dates for the receiver.

Identify cases where mechanics lien issues predominate for possible transfer to the mechanics lien calendars.

Identify cases which have been consolidated or designated as related pursuant to General Orders 12 and 22 and cases which should be consolidated or designated as related.

Identify commercial/industrial foreclosures for possible transfer to the General Chancery Section.

Identify cases with quiet title, rescue fraud, and partition issues for possible transfer to the General Chancery Section.

