

### MORTGAGE MODIFICATION MEDIATION -THE HERE AND NOW

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Representing the Chapter 13 Trustee Perspective:

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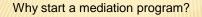


## Why start a mediation program?

- Millions cannot afford current mortgage
- Facing foreclosure
- > State court mediation ineffective

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- Loss mitigation program typically require hearings
- Doesn't require a hearing and can be ex parte ordered



### HOW BANKRUPTCY MEDIATION WORKS?

- Parties ordered to act in good faith
  - Face sanctions
- Opens communications
- Puts file "top of the stack" when Court ordered



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## HOW BANKRUPTCY MEDIATION WORKS?

Reduces unnecessary litigation

Results

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## HOW BANKRUPTCY MEDIATION WORKS?

It is a Process:

- Parties given list of documents to supply
- Common problem issues creditors see
- Potential additional documents

### HOW BANKRUPTCY MEDIATION WORKS?

- Creditor firms have hundreds of foreclosure attorneys
- Only 3-4 bankruptcy attorneys
- Relationships are forged

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# HOW BANKRUPTCY MEDIATION WORKS?

- > Junior liens included in bankruptcy
- Credit card debt included in bankruptcy



### HOW BANKRUPTCY MEDIATION WORKS?

- Credit report issues can be handled
- Subordination issues can be resolved by Bankruptcy Court

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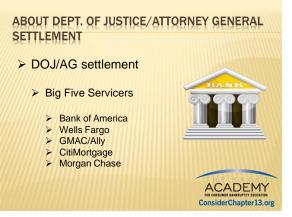
### ABOUT DEPT. OF JUSTICE/ATTORNEY GENERAL SETTLEMENT

### DOJ/AG settlement

- \$25,000,000,000 set aside for principal forgiveness
- 49 states signed on
- Consent judgments filed in District of Columbia

For more information go to: www.mortgageoversight.com



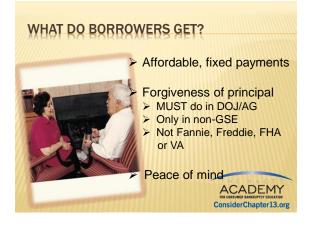


# ABOUT DEPT. OF JUSTICE/ATTORNEY GENERAL SETTLEMENT

- DOJ/AG settlement
  - Big Five Servicers
    - Agreed to stop fraudulent proofs of claims
    - Agreed to stop false or erroneous MFRS
    - Agreed to comply with HAMP
    - Agreed to shorter underwriting







## WHY IS CHAPTER 13 SO IMPORTANT TO THE PROCESS?

Accountability

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- Court orders ensure compliance
- Debts are in one place

# WHY SHOULD WE ALL DO IT? Save our communities Give clients peace of mind they deserve

Increase practice revenue





### WHY IS CHAPTER 13 SO IMPORTANT TO THE PROCESS?

- Trustee payments ensure:
  - Timely payments
  - Proof of payment



# WHY SHOULD WE ALL DO IT?

- Feel good about what you do
- Reduce court time







