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MEMORANDUM

January 16, 2022

To: Hon. Norman St. George
Hon. Deborah Kaplan

From: Lawrence K. Marks ^{LM}

Subject: Foreclosures

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On January 15, 2022, the key provisions of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021, which governed foreclosure and eviction proceedings, expired. Guidance regarding the conduct of foreclosure proceedings moving forward is set forth in Administrative Order 35/22 (Exh. A) and as follows:

1. Stayed Cases – All cases that had been stayed due to the filing of a Hardship Declaration should be immediately restored to active conference and motion calendars.
2. Court Practice Upon Commencement of a New Proceeding: The court is no longer prohibited from accepting new filings absent proof of service of a Hardship Declaration.
3. Tax Lien Foreclosures: Tax Lien foreclosures shall continue to be conferenced as set forth in Administrative Order 262/21.
4. Homeowner Assistance Fund: The Homeowner Assistance Fund (nyhomeownerfund.org) began accepting applications on January 3, 2022. Courts are encouraged to refer qualified homeowners to this resource. Where the court determines that a successful Homeowner Assistance Fund application may lead to a settlement, the court should continue to actively conference the matter and give adjournments as appropriate, but in no event should such case be stayed.

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Please distribute this memorandum and Administrative Order to judges and non-judicial staff as appropriate. Questions on the subject may be addressed to Steven Helfont of the Office for Justice Initiatives – Division of Policy & Planning, at shelfont@nycourts.gov.

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