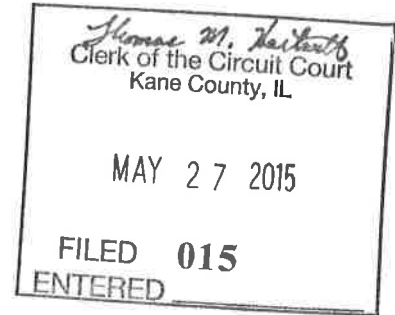


**IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 15-07**

Effective June 1, 2015

IN THE MATTER OF)
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT)
FILING FEES AND COSTS IN)
MANDATORY RESIDENTIAL)
FORECLOSURE MEDIATION)
PROGRAM)



WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Circuit Court is entitled to receive certain fees and costs pursuant to 705 ILCS 105/27.2 from defendants in a residential mortgage foreclosure action including, but not limited to, appearance, filing, service, copy, and certification fees and costs, unless leave is granted to sue or defend as an indigent, or as otherwise ordered for good cause shown; and

WHEREAS, the 16th Judicial Circuit has established a Mandatory Residential Foreclosure Mediation Program (Program) pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rules; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the 16th Circuit Program, Northern Illinois University School of Law has established the NIU Foreclosure Mediation Clinic in order to provide free limited-scope representation to homeowners while enrolled in the Program; and

WHEREAS pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/5-105.5 when a party is represented by an attorney in a court-sponsored legal services program, all Clerk's fees and costs relating to the case in the Program shall be waived without necessity of a motion for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, good cause is shown for entry of this order to facilitate the goals of the Program through the pro bono representation of homeowners in the Program by the NIU Foreclosure Mediation Clinic;

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. In any Residential Foreclosure case, when the NIU Foreclosure Mediation Clinic first appears as counsel of record on behalf of any homeowner eligible for the Program, such appearance shall be filed without cost, and for the duration of any such representation, all further fees and costs of the Clerk of the Circuit Court otherwise chargeable to that homeowner or counsel are hereby waived.
2. Thereafter, any document filed with the court where fees and costs would otherwise be assessed must designate in the upper right hand corner directly underneath the case number in bold 12 point type:

FEES AND COSTS WAIVED PURSUANT TO G.O. 15-07

3. This order does not affect the right of any person to file and seek ruling on a separate petition for leave to sue or defend as an indigent person pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/5-105.

Enter this 26th May, 2015

Judith M. Brawka
Chief Judge Judith M. Brawka

A true copy of the original of this document is on file in my office
Attest: May 27, 20 15
Thomas M. Hartwell
Circuit Court Clerk, Kane County, Illinois
By: Thomas M. Hartwell
Deputy Clerk