SERVICING GUIDE

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Increase in Foreclosure Attorney Fees for the State of Maryland

Introduction

This Announcement amends Fannie Mae requirements regarding foreclosure attorney fees for properties located in the State of Maryland.

Servicing Guide, Part VIII, Section 104.04: Attorney (or Trustee) Fees, and Part VIII, Chapter 1, Exhibit 3: Attorney's and Trustee's Fees

Effective for mortgage loans referred to an attorney on or after February 1, 2011, and secured by properties located in the State of Maryland, Fannie Mae will increase the maximum allowable attorney fee for legal work related to non-judicial foreclosures of whole mortgage loans, participation pool mortgage loans, and MBS mortgage loans serviced under the special servicing option. The fee will be increased from \$950 to \$1,300 and include the combined attorney's fees, notary's fees, and the trustee's commission (or statutory fee).

Servicers are reminded that non-judicial foreclosure is the preferred method of foreclosure for properties located in Maryland. A servicer must request prior approval to foreclose in a judicial manner by sending a request to <u>nonroutine_litigation@fanniemae.com</u>. Fannie Mae will provide procedural instructions and applicable fees at the time it grants approval.

Servicers should contact their Servicing Consultant, Portfolio Manager, Investor Reporting Business Analyst, or Fannie Mae's National Servicing Organization's Servicing Solutions Center at 1-888-FANNIE5 (888-326-6435) with any questions regarding this Announcement.

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