

PART G

Sec. G-1. 14 MRSA §6321-A, sub-§7, ¶A is amended to read:

A. Assign mediators, including active retired justices and judges pursuant to Title 4, sections 104 and 157-B, who:

- (1) Are trained in mediation and ~~all~~ relevant aspects of the law related to real estate, mortgage procedures, foreclosure or foreclosure prevention;
- (2) Have knowledge of community-based resources that are available in the judicial districts in which they serve;
- (3) Have knowledge of mortgage assistance programs; ~~and~~
- (4) Are trained in using the relevant Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation forms and worksheets;
- (5) Are trained in principal loss mitigation and mortgage loan servicing guidelines and regulations, including the federal Home Affordable Modification Program guidelines and directives developed by the United States Department of the Treasury, single-family servicing guides developed by the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or a successor organization, loss mitigation regulations and loss mitigation guidelines developed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Housing Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, mortgage loan servicing regulations issued by the United States Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection or a successor agency and the requirements of court-ordered settlements related to mortgage servicing, including but not limited to the National Mortgage Settlement in the matter of United States of America et al v. Bank of America Corp. et al, case 1:12-cv-00361 in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia; and
- (6) Are capable of facilitating and likely to facilitate identification of and compliance with principal loss mitigation and mortgage loan servicing guidelines and regulations set forth in subparagraph (5).

The court may establish a training program for mediators and require that mediators receive such training prior to being appointed;