

MORTGAGE LENDING WORK GROUP

October 4, 2007

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Cory Streisinger welcomed participants. After attendees briefly introduced themselves, Amy Cleary reminded everyone of the ground rules for discussion.

Lou Savage introduced Andrew Shull, of the Oregon Department of Justice. Mr. Shull presented data from consumer complaints to his office, detailed the types of fraud in Mortgage/Foreclosure Rescue operations in Oregon, and gave examples of the actions the DOJ has taken in behalf of victims.

Chris Ambrose presented information about the statutes that have already been or will soon be enacted in other states and about the legitimate mortgage rescue operations already in existence in Oregon – some the benefits they provide, the types of licenses they have to operate in Oregon, and the services they offer.

Eric Wiley presented information obtained by the Data Subcommittee regarding the current foreclosure climate in Oregon, as well as data from different industry organizations and advocacy groups that may clarify where Oregon is in relation to other states and where it may be going.

Throughout the meeting, attendees and presenters engaged in “Q&A’s,” and some of the topics mentioned/discussed were:

- The number of complaints received at the DOJ; how many of those are actually investigated/prosecuted, and under what statutes;
- The tools the DOJ is already using, and the ones it may need to protect consumers against fraudulent foreclosure rescue operations;
- Alternatives in prevention: prohibit, legislate/regulate, educate the consumer?;
- The size and scope of the problem in Oregon;
- Whether Oregon will take reactive or proactive measures to combat the problem;
- The statutory language if measures are enacted, and the breadth of those measures:
 - Differentiating the legitimate from the illegitimate mortgage rescue businesses;
 - Fine-tuning the current credit repair, foreclosure, and disclosure statutes/rules so as to prevent abusive practices;
 - Revising notice requirements in current procedures outlined by law;
 - Defining scope of enforcement and determine who will do it and how.

Amy Cleary encouraged everyone’s participation and asked attendees to comment on the previous meetings’ minutes so as to preserve the historical record. She also suggested approval of meeting minutes as an item to be included in next meeting’s agenda.

By next meeting, the Foreclosure Law, Mortgage Rescue, and Data subcommittees will meet to further gather information. Additionally, it was recommended that another subcommittee on Regulatory Framework/Language be formed.

The next meeting will take place on October 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.