

**CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO
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**URGENT THIS MAY BE A CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR
HOME**

FORECLOSURE MEDIATION SERVICES
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ARE YOU FACING FORECLOSURE?

As indicated by the attached Summons and Complaint. You have been made a defendant to foreclosure proceedings regarding your mortgaged property. If your lender is successful in this case, the property could be sold at sheriff's sale and you could lose your legal interest in it. If you live at the property, you could be ordered to move at the end of the case.

The Clermont County Court of Common Pleas has recently approved a voluntary mediation program which may prevent the loss of your home and allow you to more easily repay any amounts you may owe. Information regarding this program follows below.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

**YOU MUST DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WITH TWENTY-
EIGHT (28) DAYS OF RISK LOSING YOUR HOME**

1. You may request, at no cost to you, an opportunity to participate in the Court's Mediation Program. To be considered for the program, you must call the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati as soon as possible and let Legal Aid know that a foreclosure suit has been filed against you, and that you want to participate in the Mediation Program. The number to call is 513-241-9400.

You may be eligible for the assistance of a volunteer lawyer to represent you in mediation.

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Mediation will provide you and your attorney an opportunity to meet with an attorney for the lender in an effort to keep you in your home while using a neutral third party mediator. More details about mediation are set out below.

Legal Aid will send a document to you that you must sign and bring to the Court within twenty-eight (28) days after you receive the Complaint. This document is a Motion for an Extension of Time and will allow you additional time to see whether you can resolve the matter through mediation. The Motion must be filed in the Clerk's Office, Clermont County Court of Common Pleas, 270 Main Street, First Floor, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

If you are not eligible for Legal Aid services, you will be advised by Legal Aid to Contact the Court to obtain the Motion for an Extension of Time, and to see whether the Court can obtain a lawyer to assist you.

OR

2. If you do not wish to participate in mediation, you are required to serve upon the Plaintiff(s) attorney, or the Plaintiff if the Plaintiff has no attorney of record, a copy of your Answer to the Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. Your answer must be filed with the Clermont County Court of Common Pleas, Clerk of Courts, 270 Main Street, First Floor, Batavia, Ohio, 45103.

You have the right to seek legal counsel. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may contact The Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati and let them know you need an attorney. The number to call is: 513-241-9400.

You may also contact the Lawyers Referral Service (LRS) at 513-732-2050. The LRS is managed by the Clermont County Bar Association. They will give you the names of attorneys who agree that no fee will be charged for the first 30 minutes of the initial meeting.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER OR MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER WITHIN TWENTY-EIGHT (28) DAYS IF THE SERVICE OF THE SUMMONS UPON YOU, AN ORDER/JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU AND PROPERTY MAY BE SOLD AT A FORECLOSURE SALE.

DON'T DELAY---ACT NOW

If you do nothing you will lose your home and your good credit rating