

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2016-07

**SUBJECT: SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY –
 MCCALLA RAYMER PIERCE, LLC FOR PIERCE & ASSOCIATES**

The Office of the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County has learned that the law firm of Pierce & Associates has recently merged with the firm of McCalla Raymer, resulting in a new firm with the name of McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC. Pierce & Associates is the attorney of record for plaintiffs in several thousand mortgage foreclosure cases in Cook County. McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC will become the attorney of record for the plaintiff in all or substantially all of the pending Pierce & Associate cases. A streamlined procedure for accomplishing the substitution of McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC as plaintiff's attorney in these cases will further the interest of judicial economy and be consistent with the orderly administration of justice.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC shall be substituted in place of Pierce & Associates as attorney for plaintiff in those pending Cook County mortgage foreclosure cases where Pierce & Associates is currently the attorney of record for plaintiff, provided the following procedure is followed:

I. CASES WHERE NO DEFENDANT HAS FILED AN APPEARANCE.

- A. McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC shall prepare a stipulation containing the case caption, docket and calendar number. The stipulation must be signed by an authorized representative of Pierce & Associates, an authorized representative of McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC, and by an authorized employee of the plaintiff, consenting to the substitution of McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC in place of Pierce & Associates as attorney of record for plaintiff.
- B. The signed stipulation shall be attached to a "Notice of Substitution of Attorney for Plaintiff".
- C. The Notice of Substitution of Attorney for Plaintiff shall include a full case caption and be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

In compliance with General Order No. 2016-06 issued by the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, notice is hereby given that the attorney of record for the Plaintiff has changed. The firm of McCalla

Raymer Pierce, LLC is hereby substituted as attorney for Plaintiff in place of Pierce & Associates. The address and phone number for McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC is as follows:

The Stipulation to Attorney Substitution is attached with this Notice of Substitution of Attorney for Plaintiff. All future notices in this case directed to Plaintiff shall be served upon McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC as attorney for Plaintiff at its address as listed above.

Attorney for Plaintiff

McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff

- D. The Notice of Substitution of Attorney and the signed Stipulation, attached as an exhibit, must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. A file stamped copy, along with a notice of filing and proof of service shall be mailed to all defendants at whatever address plaintiff has for each defendant. In cases where plaintiff does not have an address for a mortgagor/defendant, the Notice shall be mailed to the address of the subject property.
- E. Compliance with sections I(A)-(D), above, are required for any substitution to become effective.
- F. In cases where no defendant has filed an appearance at the time of filing of the Notice of Substitution of Attorney with signed Stipulation attached, the Notice of Substitution and Stipulation will stand in lieu of a separate order from the Court granting the substitution. The Clerk of the Court shall spread the substitution of attorney for plaintiff of record in such cases, which shall include reflecting the attorney substitution on the Clerk's computer record system, in the same manner as would occur in cases where an order for substitution of attorneys was issued by the Court.

II. CASES WHERE A DEFENDANT HAS FILED AN APPEARANCE.

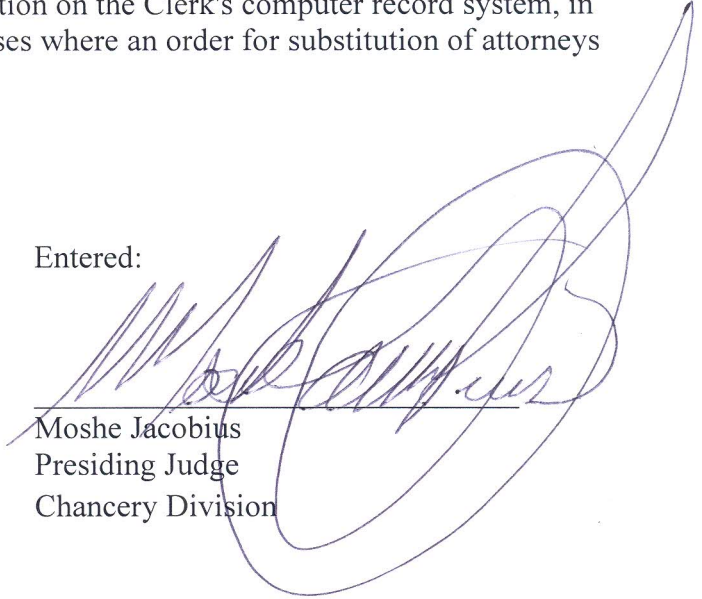
- A. The Stipulation described in §I(A), above is required.
- B. The Notice of Substitution of Attorney shall be completed, filed and served as required in §I(B)-(D), above, provided that an additional paragraph shall be added to the Notice of Substitution of Attorney, which must read as follows:

If any defendant wishes to object to the foregoing substitution of attorneys for plaintiff, a written objection must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and served upon the McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC firm within 14 days of the mailing of the Notice of Substitution of Attorney. The objection shall contain facts detailing the basis of the objection.

- C. In those cases where a timely objection is filed, plaintiff shall notice a motion for substitution of attorneys before the judge assigned to the case. In such cases, the substitution of attorneys for plaintiff shall not be effective unless and until an order granting the substitution is entered by the court presiding over the case.
- D. In those cases where no timely objection is filed, and the procedures set forth in this §II have been fully complied with, the substitution of attorneys shall become effective as of the 15th day after the filing of the Notice of Substitution of Attorney with the clerk.
- E. In cases where no defendant has filed an objection to the Notice of Substitution, the Notice of Substitution of Attorney and the signed Stipulation will stand in lieu of a separate order from the Court granting the substitution. The Clerk of the Court shall spread the substitution of attorney for plaintiff of record in such cases, which shall include reflecting the attorney substitution on the Clerk's computer record system, in the same manner as would occur in cases where an order for substitution of attorneys was issued by the Court.

Date: August 1, 2016

Entered:



Moshe Jacobius
Presiding Judge
Chancery Division