

Outline of Telephone Conference Matters – Foreclosure cases
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Final Hearing/final motions: Is there a final hearing scheduled or a summary judgment deadline set? If so, when?

Mediation date: Pick date, time and location of mediation.

Issues: What specific issues will be mediated?

Attendance and participation:

The mediator allows plaintiff's counsel and plaintiff's representative to participate by telephone. Will the defendants be attending the mediation?

Will the parties/counsel have available and participating all persons necessary for an agreed resolution? If so, whom?

Authority: Will participants have authority to agree to a final settlement?

Documents: Do the parties/counsel wish the mediator to review documents prior to mediation?

Mediation statement: will any party be submitting one?

Will any party be submitting a confidential mediation statement to the mediator?

Loose Ends: The success of foreclosure mediations is enhanced if financial information is shared by the parties prior to mediation. From the lender, the arrearage balance, the monthly payment, the month of last payment, the purpose and amount of all costs requested in the case are useful pieces of information. From the borrower(s), their current source and amount of income to their household, and the status of any second mortgage are useful pieces of information.

On other matters, are there any documents or other loose ends that need be completed or shared prior to mediation?

Mediator's Fee: In Athens County, the court has a special fund that pays the mediator's fee. In other counties, the mediator's fee will be discussed.

Other Matters: Are there other matters to be raised by any party?