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Re: *GMAC Mortgage, LLC v. Richard B. Daniggelis, et al.*
Case No: 1-14-2751
Atty. Joseph Younes, Esq. v. Richard B. Daniggelis, et al.
Case No: 1-15-0662

Friday, 01 July 2016

Dear Attorney Schillaci:

Thank you for speaking with me last Friday morning (Fri. 24 June 2016) and this past Tuesday evening (Tue. 28 June 2016), and giving me the proper protocol and procedures for making a records request of court filings in your court with regard to the two court cases cited above. I am sorry that I am somewhat slow to respond, but I have been busy with many things recently.

According to my recollection and notes, it would appear that you told me that the entire file in 1-14-2751 contained 172 pages, which, at \$0.25/page, would cost me \$43.00 even, and that 1-15-0662 contained 133 pages, which would cost me \$33.25, for a sum total of \$76.25, and that your court only accepted payment by cash, check, or money order, payable to “Clerk of the Appellate Court” (but had not yet set up payment by credit card or bank account electronic draft), and, also, that your court did not prefer to deal in case for obvious reasons of security and documentation of the currency. – You also said that if I were short, you could not advance credit, and would require payment in advance. – Moreover, my notes reflect that if the opposite was the case (overpayment), you warned and cautioned me that your court could not issue any refund of excess payment, not even were I to include cash currency as part of all of the payment method, as your court's policy also prohibited sending cash by mail as well.

Because of that, I must get the payment amount “exact” or else risk over-payment (with no avenue or means for giving me change back for overpayment) or under-payment (where I can't get all the records I seek). For that reason, I made a call to your court to ascertain & determine whether any new filings or court orders had been entered into the record on appeal in either of the 2 above-captioned cases. After several unsuccessful tries (one time, a clerk said a motion was due on a certain date, but never answered my question about one case, and then hung up before I could inquire about the other case – meaning, she never answered me at all!), I finally determined that nothing new had been entered in either of these 2 cases since we spoke last week.

I wish you the best in getting your court set up for electronic payment (of “records request” fees) by Credit Card; electronic release of records (by email in PDF or image format in email attachments, like the trial courts currently do); and online dockets (preferably with click-to-see of an image of the docket entry, but at least a docket of the entries, like the trial courts currently provide the public).

Please find, enclosed a money order for \$76.25 for the file in both cases.

With kind Regards, I am, Sincerely,

Gordon Wayne Watts