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State of California County of Sacramento

Case No. 34-2013-00144287

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AS PREVAILING PARTY UNDER CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS

Date: August 1, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Dept: 53

To all parties and their respective attorneys of record:

You are hereby notified that on August 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., in Department 53, of the above-entitled court, located at 800 9th Street, Sacramento, California, 95814, Plaintiff Danilo Sese, through his counsel of record, will and hereby does move for an order granting statutory attorneys' fees and costs as the prevailing party under the California Homeowner Bill of Rights.

The total fees and costs sought are one hundred thousand eight hundred sixty five dollars (\$100,865.00).

This court issues tentative rulings. If either party wishes to contest the ruling, it must contact both the court and the opposing party before 4 p.m. the court day before the scheduled hearing. Otherwise the tentative ruling will become the order of the court. Tentative rulings are available for viewing at www.saccourt.ca.gov or by telephoning Department 53 at 916.874.7858.

The motion will be based on this notice, the accompanying Memorandum in Support, and the Declarations of Aldon L. Bolanos, Esq., and Walter C. Dauterman, Jr., Esq., also concurrently filed.

Dated: July 3, 2013

Aldon L. Bolanos, Esq.

Attorney for Plaintiff

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AS PREVAILING PARTY UNDER CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS

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I. Introduction

Plaintiff Danilo Sese, through his counsel The Law Offices of Aldon L. Bolanos, is the prevailing party under the California Homeowner Bill of Rights. Specifically, under the statute he obtained injunctive relief to stop the foreclosure sale of his family home as against Wells Fargo Bank. Now, he brings a motion for an award of statutory attorneys' fees and costs incurred. As set forth below, with a lodestar enhancement of 2.0 to account for the

novelty of the issues raised, the public rights vindicated, and the highly contingent nature of recovery, the total fees and costs sought are one hundred three thousand nine hundred ninety five dollars (\$100,865.00).

Those fees are based on a reasonable hourly rate of two hundred fifty dollars per hour, commensurate with counsel's market rate and the market rates of the Sacramento legal community. Further, the hours expended are reasonable because they are meticulously based on exact contemporaneous time records maintained daily and provided with the concurrently-filed declarations of Aldon L. Bolanos, Esq., and Walter C. Dauterman, Jr., Esq.

Finally, the <u>Ketchum</u> factors announced by the California Supreme Court to enhance a lodestar are all present in spades. Now, the time has come to shake American banking from its slumber and remind it that this country is still one of people and not of corporations while similarly sending a clear message to our brothers at bar that it is their duty to represent people oppressed by moneyed interests and that exercising that duty can provide dividends as well.

II. Statement of Facts

On July 1, 2013, the court affirmed its tentative ruling granting plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction under the California Homeowner Bill of Rights. Specifically, the court found that the plaintiff met his burden of showing that he was improperly "dual tracked" in

loan modification negotiations and his home was about to be foreclosed.

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III. Law and Argument

Under the new California Homeowner Bill of Rights, a party that obtains injunctive relief is a "prevailing party" and is entitled to recover his reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in procuring that injunctive relief. California Civil Code \$2024.12(i).

In determining the amount of reasonable attorney fees to be awarded under a statutory attorney fees provision, the court begins by calculating the "lodestar" amount.

Bernardi v. County of Monterey, 167 Cal. App. 4th 1379, 1393. The "lodestar" is "the number of hours reasonably expended multiplied by the reasonable hourly rate." Id.

To determine the reasonable hourly rate, the court looks to the "hourly rate prevailing in the community for similar work." Id. at 1394.

The California Supreme Court has further instructed that attorney fee awards "should be fully compensatory."

Id., citing Ketchum v. Moses (2001) 24 Cal. 4th 1122, 1133.

Thus, an attorney fee award should ordinarily include compensation for all of the hours reasonably spent, including those relating solely to the fee. Bernardi at 1394, and again citing Ketchum at 1133.

The California Supreme Court has further instructed that the lodestar amount could be adjusted upwards by the court based on the following factors: 1) the novelty and

difficulty of the questions involved; 2) the skill displayed in presenting them; 3) the extent to which the nature of the litigation precluded other employment by the attorneys, and 4) the contingent nature of the fee award. Bernardi at 1399, citing Ketchum at 1132.

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Indeed, an enhancement of the lodestar amount to reflect the contingency risk is "one of the most common fee enhancers." Id. The purpose of a fee enhancement, or multiplier, for contingent risk is to bring the financial incentives for attorneys enforcing important rights into line with incentives they have to undertake claims for which they are paid on a fee-for-services basis. Ketchum at 1132. Thus, the lodestar enhancement is "intended to approximate market-level compensation for such services, which typically includes a premium for the risk of nonpayment of attorney fees. Id. at 1138.

The courts have long recognized "that privately initiated lawsuits are often essential to the effectuation of the fundamental public policies embodied in constitutional or statutory provisions and without some mechanism authorizing the award of attorneys' fees, private actions to enforce such important public policies will as a practical matter frequently be infeasible. *Prentice v. Flannery*, (2001) 26 Cal. 4th 572, 583-584.

The lodestar is the reasonable number of hours worked to procure the result, multiplied by the reasonable rate of compensation in the relevant legal community. Here, Mr. Sese's attorneys provide their contemporaneous billing

rendered and the time taken to properly prepare the case. Indeed, as set forth in the declaration of Bolanos, not only were novel and complex issues raised by this matter, but the defense made the case extremely complex by advancing several completely new arguments for the logical extension of other laws and the abrogation of the California Homeowner Bill of Rights.

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Those arguments included one of retroactive application of a new statute, of federal preemption of the Homeowner Bill of Rights by an archaic federal banking law, and of a federal "safe harbor" created by the National Mortgage Settlement in a 212-page exhibit to that settlement before the district court in Washington D.C. It should be abundantly clear from the record before this court that the bank deftly created a number of complex issues which were ones of first impression both for Mr. Sese's counsel and likely for this court. These issues merited heightened diligence and vigilance in preparing Mr. Sese's case.

As regards the relevant legal community and hourly rate of compensation, again as set forth in the Bolanos Deckaration the market-based rate is two hundred fifty dollars per hour. This is based both on the fact that this rate is the one charged to Mr. Bolanos' business litigation clients, and on the fact that numerous other attorneys with experience similar to that of Mr. Bolanos' ten years charge a substantially higher market rate for essentially

providing the same legal services. Add into the equation that Mr. Bolanos appears to be a leading attorney at the forefront of homeowner rights, and it should be clear to the court that this hourly rate is commensurate with the skill, thoroughness and dedication displayed in this case.

Finally, a lodestar enhancement is warranted because all of the factors announced by the California Supreme

Court are present here. Specifically, the questions presented were novel and complex as the law under which Mr. Sese brought his claim is brand new and the defense raised several complex questions of federal law and state retroactivity analysis which were literally questions of first impression for this court and for plaintiff's counsel.

Second, Mr. Sese's counsel displayed exceptional skill in presenting his case, going so far as to conduct last minute research and preparation after Wells Fargo submitted an eleventh hour filing the night before the hearing which claimed that the issue was moot because another corporate entity in the State of Delaware had recently filed for Chapter 11 reorganization. It took extreme dedication to research the contentions made by this late filing and present the court the very next day with a competent and cogent (and ultimately winning) rebuttal to the late claims.

This, coupled with the bank's initial opposition which raised several issues of federalism and retroactivity of a new law, means that because Mr. Sese's attorneys were able

to ably refute these novel and complex arguments, a great deal of skill was required and involved. Specifically, the defense contended that an archaic federal law, the Home Owners Loan Act, completely "occupied the field" such that the Homeowner Bill of Rights was completely inapplicable to any foreclosure! Such a result would have literally suffocated the law in its cradle. In response, it took extensive research and reconstruction of congressional and judicial intent as regards "banking law" in order to craft the ultimately victorious analysis.

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Similarly, the bank contended that it was "in compliance" with the National Mortgage Settlement from U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia. For this reason, it contended it had a "safe harbor" which again prevented the action in its entirety. Again, such a conclusive argument, if it prevailed, would have wholly castrated California's new law and completely shielded the banks from any judicial oversight. In response, it took extensive research into an exhibit to that consent judgment which was hundreds of pages long. Only buried in the annotated exhibit was the winning response: the consent judgment also expressly prohibited dual tracking, such that Wells Fargo was not "in compliance" with anything. Again, only exceptional skill and diligence saved the case and the new law from being irreparably compromised.

Finally, the defense contended that a retroactive application of a "saving clause" in the new law would save it from liability. Again, extensive research and

preparation were required in order to demonstrate the complete lack of legislative intent toward retroactivity, and the correct case citations to demonstrate a judicial reluctance to apply statutes retroactively.

Next, this litigation vindicated an important public right and issue at the forefront of California jurisprudence. It required Mr. Sese's attorneys to devote nearly all their time to preparing his case in the crucible of shortened time and in the face of a potentially disastrous result - the loss of the family home. Moreover, the litigation was extremely contingent in nature and there was no precedent whatsoever for the proposition that Mr. Sese's attorneys would ever be paid for their efforts. Rather, this case demonstrates perfectly the rationale for fee shifting awards and for enhancements - it is a case vindicating a public right which without such awards the legal profession would not be inducted to pursue.

Therefore, it is of paramount importance that this court recognize this reality and the public right at stake, and send a clear message to our legal community that there are substantial financial incentives to helping people against the banks. For too long the banks have operated from a position of power and impunity, and a cursory glance at the court's law and motion docket on any given day will reveal the extent of the bank's dominance against litigants who are unrepresented by counsel.

IV. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that this court order defendant to pay attorneys' fees and costs.

As set forth in his concurrently-filed declaration, Mr. Bolanos worked 142.8 hours on this matter. At the rate of two hundred fifty dollars per hour, his reasonable fee is thirty five thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$35,700.00.00). With the lodestar enhancement of 2.0, the total fees are seventy one thousand four hundred dollars (\$71,400.00).

As set forth in his concurrently filed declaration, Mr. Dauterman worked 36.9 hours on this matter. At the rate of two hundred fifty dollars per hour, his reasonable fee is five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$9,225.00). With the lodestar enhancement of 2.0, the total fees are eighteen thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$18,450.00).

Also as set forth in the declaration of Aldon L. Bolanos concurrently filed, the total costs sought are eleven thousand fifteen dollars and include the bond imposed in this case of ten thousand dollars (\$11,015.00).

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In light of the foregoing, the total fees and costs with the lodestar enhancement is ninety five thousand nine hundred ninety five dollars (\$100,865.00).

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: July 3, 2013

Aldon L. Bolanos, Esq.

Attorney for Plaintiff

Danilo Sese

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DECLARATION OF WALTER C. DAUTERMAN, JR.

Date: August 1, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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I, Walter C. Dauterman, Jr., Esq., do declare as follows:

- I am counsel for plaintiff in this action and make this declaration on my own personal knowledge. If called I
- could and would testify competently to everything contained 23
- herein. 24
- I am an attorney with the Law Offices of Aldon L. 25
- 26 Bolanos. Per office policy, I keep a daily contemporaneous
- 27 record of all my time expended on every case for which I
- 28 provide legal services and representation. My purpose for

tracking my time daily is to ensure that I am properly compensated by the office's clients. In addition, I perform a substantial amount of legal services in feeshifting employment law cases. In those cases, the prevailing party is entitled to recover statutory attorneys' fees and must provide a contemporaneous time record to the court as part of any fee motion. Therefore, in order to ensure accurate reporting, I have been instructed and directed by Mr. Bolanos to track all my time to the tenth of an hour. A true and correct printout of my time expended in the Sese matter is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

- 3. My legal services are billed at two hundred fifty dollars per hour. For cases in which I provide market-based legal services, this is the rate that the office's clients pay for my services. Approximately eighty percent of the cases with the office and on which I work are market-based cases in which I am compensated on an hourly basis.
- 4. I believe this rate is also commensurate with the legal community of Sacramento. In fact, I believe it is actually substantially lower than what most attorneys in this location are able to charge. Indeed, I am personally aware that a close personal friend of mine in a well-known law firm here charges four hundred ninety dollars per hour. The bulk of his cases relate to representing a bank in connection with cases similar to the Sese case.

- 5. I also believe that all of the hours expended by this office were reasonable in this case. Both Mr. Bolanos and myself have recently found ourselves at the forefront of Homeowner Bill of Rights litigation after we were featured in the Sacramento Bee and the San Francisco Daily Journal, as well as a number of online publications, for our having secured the first preliminary injunction under the new law. As a consequence of this press exposure, we have been literally inundated with calls from prospective clients and attorneys alike, all seeking our guidance in this new area of law.
- 6. In connection with the specific Sese case, the defense presented several new and complex legal arguments which were issues of first impression both for us and in all likelihood for the court. We were required to conduct extensive research and strategizing in order to competently meet these arguments and expose them as the fallacies they were. Consequently, as set forth in the timesheets, all of the time expended in that regard was absolutely necessary in order to prevail in this matter on behalf of our client.

I declare on penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, so help me God.

Dated: July 3, 2013

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Walter C. Dauterman, Jr., Esq.

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EXHIBIT 1
BILLING STATEMENT OF WALTER
C. DAUTERMAN, JR.

CASE: SESE V. WELLS FARGO

ATTORNEY: WALTER C. DAUTERMAN, JR., ESQ.

130526	MEETING WITH PROSPECTIVE CLIENT RE: HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS CASE AND DISCUSS FACTS AND LEGAL ISSUES (1.5); FURTHER MEETING WITH CLIENT RE: ISSUES AND PREPARATION OF DECLARATION (3.2); 4.7
130527	REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF ALL CLIENT DOCUMENTS (1.0); LEGAL RESEARCH RE: HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS (2.1); MEET WITH BOLANOS RE: CAUSES OF ACTION UNDER HOBR (.8); REVIEW AND REDLINE COMPLAINT (.6); 4.5
130528	RESEARCH RE: TRO FILING AND INJUNCTION FILING REQUIREMENTS (1.0); CONTINUE RESEARCH RE: HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS (1.0); ASSIST WITH PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR FILING (.8); 1.8
130529	MEET WITH BOLANOS (.6); .6
130530	CONTINUE AND COMPLETE LEGAL RESEARCH RE: STANDARD FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER IN STATE COURT AND PREPARE CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS RE: SAME (.4); CONTINUE AND COMPLETE LEGAL RESEARCH: STANDARD FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION IN STATE COURT AND REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (.5); MEET ALDON (.5); 1.4
130601	MEET WITH BOLANOS RE: DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR INJUNCTION (.7); .7
130602	REVIEW ALL DOCUMENTS IN ADVANCE OF FILING (1.3); MEET WITH ALDON (.5). 1.8
130603	PREPARE FOR AND MEET WITH BOLANOS RE: FINAL DOCUMENTS (1.5); 1.5
130611	MEET WITH ALDON (.5); .5
130617	RECEIPT AND REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION (.5); RECEIPT AND REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF DECLARATION BY BANK EMPLOYEE IN OPPOSITION (.5); MEET WITH BOLANOS RE: SAME (.8). 1.8
130619	REVIEW REPLY DRAFTS AND LEGAL RESEARCH PREPARED BY BOLANOS (.6); PREPARE FOR AND MEET WITH BOLANOS RE: ISSUES (1.2); 1.8
130620	PREPARE FOR AND MEET WITH BOLANOS RE: CASE STATUS PREPARATION UPDATE AND STRATEGIZE (1.4). 1.4

130621	REVIEW DEFENSE PAPERS AND OUR DRAFT RESPONSE (1.0); PREPARE FOR MEETING WITH BOLANOS (.3); MEET WITH ALDON (1.0). 2.3
130622	PREPARE FOR AND MEET WITH ALDON RE: CASE STRATEGY (1.3). 1.3
130623	REVIEW AND ANALYZE AND REDLINE FINAL DRAFT REPLY DOCUMENTS (1.5); MEET WITH ALDON RE: FINAL DRAFT (1.0); ASSIST WITH PREPARING EXHIBITS (.6); 3.1
130624	MEET WITH BOLANOS RE: FINAL DRAFT DOCUMENTS (.5)5
130630	ELECTRONIC MAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM OPPOSING COUNSEL RE: TRUSTEE BANKRUPTCY AND DEMAND TO TAKE INJUNCTIVE RELIEF MOTION OFF-CALENDAR (.4); CONFERENCE WITH BOLANOS RE: SAME AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE AND DIVISION OF DUTIES RE: SAME (1.5); 1.9
130701	MEET WITH BOLANOS RE: ISSUES (.7). ATTEND HEARING ON PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION (1.0); MEET WITH CLIENT RE: BOND REQUIREMENT (.8); 2.5
130702	MEET WITH ALDON RE: BOND AND FEES (.8). PREPARE FEE DECLARATION AND REVIEW BILLING FOR ACCURACY (2.0). 2.8

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First, I provide a substantial amount of hourly marketbased legal services to my clients. Monthly my office

(six minutes). This is my practice for two reasons.

I, Aldon L. Bolanos, Esq., do declare as follows:

called I could and would testify competently to everything

I record all of the time I spend performing legal

services in a daily timesheet, down to one-tenth of an hour

and make this declaration on my own personal knowledge.

I am lead trial attorney for plaintiff in this action

prepares invoices to those clients and includes a detailed statement of the services rendered with the invoice. Second, another portion of my practice involves both prisoner rights cases in federal court and employment discrimination cases in both state and federal court. those cases, there are "fee shifting statutes" similar to the one in the Homeowner Bill of Rights. As a prevailing party, I am required to submit contemporaneous records with any fee petition submitted to the court. Thus, to ensure a complete accuracy of all my time, I keep a daily log of contemporaneous journal entries detailing the service rendered and the time expended in performing those services. Often, at the end of a particular billing period I will "cut" my hours to ensure my invoices to my clients are reasonable. But this is a business decision. In feeshifting statutes, I do not cut my hours and in this matter I have not cut my hours expended in obtaining injunctive relief for the homeowner.

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3. I have been a practicing civil litigator for approximately ten years, having held associate positions with civil litigation law firms in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and then here in Sacramento. Based on that experience, I am familiar with the market-based rates of compensation for attorneys in all three locations. Thus, while Los Angeles is a more expensive market for legal services than is Sacramento, still this market does allow attorneys of my skill and competence to demand and receive a market-based fee of two hundred fifty dollars per hour

and I regularly charge such an hourly rate to my marketbased clients. If the matter became an issue, I could certainly produce a number of contracts in which I am currently being compensated this amount. Conversely, other attorneys in the community with whom I associate and who are of a similar level of experience often demand and do in fact receive substantially greater compensation that that amount. For example, I am personally aware of an attorney who performs foreclosure-related litigation legal services to a national bank, and is based here in Sacramento. individual attorney has only one more year of experience than me, yet charges his clients four hundred ninety dollars per hour. I am not naming the attorney or the client here on privacy grounds, but will certainly provide that information if it becomes an issue. Regardless, I am certain that the lead trial counsel for the defense, located in Pasadena, likely has a substantially higher rate of compensation his legal services in this matter.

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4. In the Homeowner Bill of Rights cases, this is my second such case applying the new law and my first in state court. Thus, because the law is new and I have never sought or obtained injunctive relief in state court under the new law, and frankly I am also certain that none of my colleagues in this legal community have done this either, my time was spent attempting to grasp the new law and muster the evidence in support of my client under the standards announced by that law. This undertaking was certainly not "garden variety" and did require a heightened

amount of preparation to adequately present the novel issues at work. In this sense, "newness" is similar to "novelty." Moreover, as further set forth herein the defense did raise a number of compelling but ultimately failing legal arguments against us, none of which anyone had ever encountered before. I understand that the novelty of the legal proceeding is a factor in determining whether the court awards a multiplier on lodestar fees.

- 5. Adding to the extreme pressure here was the fact that the sale date of my client's family home was literally mere days away when I first met with him. Thus, my response was literally to "drop everything" and to immerse myself in the case to both obtain the temporary restraining order and to prepare the evidence for the injunction. Consequently, the nature of the litigation meant I was absolutely precluded from working on another else other than this case while I was preparing our case for the injunction proceeding. I understand this is a factor in determining whether the court awards a multiplier on lodestar fees.
- 6. I believe I exhibited exceptional skill in presenting the case to the court and obtaining this result. The client had extensive documentation in his communications with the bank toward substantiating his loan modification, and also had substantial oral telephonic communications which required me to spend a great deal of time and energy properly preparing his evidence for the case. Moreover, the bank responded with a variety of exotic and esoteric arguments against our efforts, including invoking federal

law and decisions, one in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia, and the other an archaic federal statute (the Home Owners Loan Act), to contend it was altogether immune to the California Homeowner Bill of Rights. This required me to conduct extensive research into foreign jurisdictions and pour over extensive caselaw in order to ultimately craft a winning response. Additionally, the defense required me to prepare a detailed analysis on retroactivity of statutes and to refute unpublished district court cases where the defense attorneys were the counsel of record. Then, literally on the very eve of the injunction hearing, the defense dropping a new and unbriefed argument by e-mail that the entire proceeding was moot due to a third federal proceeding located in Delaware. This required me to engage in emergency last minute research under the "midnight oil" in order to muster a cogent response in literally less than 24 hours. Moreover, we did prevail outright on all issues. I understand that difficulty of issues and the skill in presenting them are factors in determining whether to award a multiplier.

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7. Whether I would be compensated at all was always in doubt. My client's business had faltered, causing him to fall behind on the payment of his promissory note for his home loan. He did not and does not have the financial means to compensate me on a market basis. Moreover, his case presented a fundamental rights issue of critical importance to our state under the Homeowner Bill of Rights.

If we had failed, he and his family would literally be seeking refuge in a homeless shelter. Thus, given the important public rights at issue and the imminent danger of immediate harm to Mr. Sese and his family, and along with the fact that he was not in a position to compensate me, I took the case on a contingency basis. Given the untested nature of the new statute, it seemed substantially likely that I would never receive any compensation for my efforts. Despite that, I wanted to vindicate what I believe to be an important and fundamental legal issue facing our society today. I believe that history will remember this skirmish and smile on those advocates who took up the cause of the homeowner against the oppression of large banks. On this subject, I understand that the contingent risk of not receiving any compensation in enforcing important rights and fundamental public policies are factors in determining whether to award a lodestar enhancement.

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8. In order to ensure that the pleadings and papers on file in this action were complete and accurate, and in order to ensure we had the best probability of prevailing, on several occasions between filling the complaint and the injunction hearing I worked a substantial number of hours in the workday, usually exceeding eight hours in a single day. This was accomplished by working essentially three "shifts": a morning shift from seven until noon, an afternoon shift from one to six, and then a night shift from seven-thirty to eleven-thirty. While this schedule is unsustainable, it is something to which I have resorted in

the past when on crucial deadlines and managing my civil practice.

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A true and correct copy of my contemporaneous time records for legal services rendered in this matter is Exhibit 1 hereto. The total number of hours expended in prevailing for my client under the Homeowner Bill of Rights is 142.8 hours. At the rate of compensation of two hundred fifty dollars per hour, I believe the reasonable lodestar is \$35,700.00. I also believe that because fundamental public policies are at issue here and because of the novel and complex issues raised, a lodestar enhancement of 2.0 is wholly appropriate. Indeed, it is my hope that a substantial award in this case will encourage my brethren in the California Bar to take up the cause of the homeowner while simultaneously giving banks and their legal counsel pause before they try and foreclose on people's homes. this reason, attorney fees of \$71,400.00 are appropriate. 10. I have reviewed Mr. Dauterman's timesheet and find it to be accurate. He worked a total of 36.9 hours. At the rate of two hundred fifty dollars per hour, I believe his reasonable lodestar in this case is \$9,225.00. With the public policy enhancement, that amount becomes \$18,450. Thus, combining my time with his, we seek a lodestar with enhancement of \$89,850.00.

11. I advanced and incurred the following costs in prevailing for my client under the Homeowner Bill of Rights: court filing fees for the lawsuit and three motions (one for the temporary restraining order, one for the

injunction, and one for the attorney fee motion) in the amount of six hundred fifteen dollars (\$615.00). I further incurred attorney service of process costs of three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$325.00). Finally, I incurred filing and set-up costs of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). The bond required in this case to obtain injunctive relief is also ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). Thus, the total costs incurred in this matter and being sought in this matter is eleven thousand fifteen dollars (\$11,015.00). 12. In light of the foregoing, the reasonable attorney fee and costs sought is in the sum total amount of \$100,865.00. I declare on penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, so help me God. Dated: July 3, 2013 -Aldred Blood Aldon L. Bolanos, Esq.

EXHIBIT 1
BILLING STATEMENT OF ALDON L.
BOLANOS

CASE:

SESE V. WELLS FARGO

ATTORNEY: ALDON L. BOLANOS

130526

MEETING WITH PROSPECTIVE CLIENT RE: HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS CASE AND DISCUSS FACTS AND LEGAL ISSUES (1.5); PREPARATION OF RETAINER FOR SIGNATURE AND GOING FORWARD (.5); FURTHER MEETING WITH CLIENT RE: ISSUES AND PREPARATION OF DRAFT DECLARATION OF MATERIAL FACTS (3.2): RESEARCH POSSIBLE DEFENDANTS AND JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES RELATED TO EACH (.7). 5.9

130527

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF ALL CLIENT DOCUMENTS (1.5); LEGAL RESEARCH RE: POTENTIAL CAUSES OF ACTION IN DRAFTING COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF UNDER HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS TO ENSURE PLEADING SUPPORTS INJUNCTIVE RELIEF (2.0); PREPARATION OF MEMORANDUM TO FILE RE: CAUSES OF ACTION UNDER HOBR AND ELEMENTS OF EACH (1.0); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: CAUSES OF ACTION UNDER HOBR AND STRATEGIZE SAME (.8); BEGIN PREPARATION OF DRAFT COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES UTILIZING LEGAL RESEARCH (2.0); PREPARATION OF SUMMONS (.2); PREPARATION OF CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET (.2); RESEARCH POTENTIAL FEDERAL LAWSUIT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES RELATED TO DIVERSITY OF WELLS FARGO (1.2); 8.9

130528

CONTINUE AND REVISE AND COMPLETE DRAFT COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES UNDER HOBR FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF (1.5); PREPARATION OF MEMORANDUM AND SUPPORTING AUTHORITY FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER IN ADVANCE OF PREPARING MEMORANDUM TO COURT FOR TRO (1.0); PREPARATION OF EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (2.0); CONTINUE AND COMPLETE AND REVISE DECLARATION OF SESE AND OBTAIN CLIENT SIGNATURE (2.0); PREPARE DOCUMENTS FOR FILING AND FILE ALL (1.5); 8

130529

VOICEMAIL FROM OPPOSING COUNSEL (.1); RESEARCH OPPOSING COUNSEL AND LAW FIRM (.2); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN BEFORE RETURNING THE CALL RE: STRATEGIZE TOWARD OBTAINING RELIEF FROM FORECLOSURE SALE DATE (.6); .9

130530

PREPARATION FOR AND ATTENDANCE AT EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (2.5); LEGAL RESEARCH: HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS STATUTORY TEXT (1.0); LEGAL RESEARCH: STANDARD FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION IN STATE COURT AND REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (1.0); RESEARCH CASELAW ON HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND INJUNCTION (1.0): PREPARATION OF MEMO SUMMARY RE: RELEVANT CASES AND LEGAL STANDARDS (.5). PREPARATION OF FORMAL PROPOSED ORDER FOR EX PARTE APPLICATION AND RETURN TO COURT AND PRESENT SAME (1.0); PREPARATION OF ELECTRONIC MAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO OPPOSING COUNSEL RE: COURT ORDER AND FAX AND EMAIL COURT ORDER AND COVER TO OPPOSING COUNSEL AND FOLLOW WITH TELEPHONE (.3); MEET WITH WALT RE: CASE TASKS AND STRATEGIZE (.5); EMAIL OPPOSING COUNSEL THE PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS SERVED ON WELLS FARGO AFTER SCANNING SAME (.1), 7.9

130601

CONTINUE AND COMPLETE LEGAL RESEARCH RE: PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION (.5); PREPARATION OF NOTICE AND INITIATING DOCUMENTS ON MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION (.5); RESEARCH RE: PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTATION FOR FILING IN SUPPORT OF SAME (.8); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR PROPER PRESENTATION OF INJUNCTION MOTION IN STATE COURT (.7); PREPARATION OF MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION (3.0); PREPARATION OF FURTHER DECLARATION OF SESE IN SUPPORT (2.0); PREPARATION OF DECLARATION OF BOLANOS IN SUPPORT (1.0); 8.5

130602

REVIEW AND ITEMIZE AND CATEGORIZE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOWING EVIDENCE OF DUAL TRACKING IN ADVANCE OF FILING MOTION FOR INJUNCTION (.9); MEETING WITH DAUTERMAN TO STRATEGIZE RE: WHICH DOCUMENTS TO PRESENT AND IN WHICH ORDER (.5); REVISE AND FINALIZE MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES (.8); REVISE AND FINALIZE DECLARATION OF SESE (.5); PREPARATION OF REVISIONS TO DECLARATION OF BOLANOS ISO MOTION (.6); REVISE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF MOTION WITH SESE DECLARATION (.4); PREPARATION OF PROOF OF SERVICE (.2); PREPARATION OF ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SCAN AND DELIVERY TO OPPOSING COUNSEL (.2); CHECK CODE RE: PROPRIETY OF ELECTRONIC MAIL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN COUNSEL IN LIEU OF MAIL SERVICE (.2); ELECTRONIC MAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH OPPOSING COUNSEL RE: SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS BY PDF (.1). 4.5

130603

MEET WITH DAUTERMAN AND CONDUCT FINAL READ THROUGH AND PROOFREADING OF ALL DOCUMENTS (1.0); TAKE DOCUMENTS TO COURTHOUSE FOR FILING (.5); 1.5

130610

LEGAL RESEARCH: HOMEOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS AND AVAILABILITY OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS INCURRED ANNOLEGAL STANDARD AND PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING STATUTORY ATTORNEYS' FEES (3.0); PREPARATIO OF MEMORANDUM TO FILE SUMMARIZING RELEVANT CASELAW RE: LODESTAR AND ENTITLEMENT TO FEES AN PRESENTATION OF MOTION FOR SAME IN STATE COURT PROCEEDING. (1.3). 4.3

130611 MEET WITH WALT RE: STRATEGIZE RE: POTENTIAL RESOLUTION OFFER (.5); TELEPHONE WITH CLIENT RE: SAME (.3); PREPARATION OF ELECTRONIC MAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO OPPOSING COUNSEL RE: ANALYSIS AND POTENTIAL FOR RESOLUTION (.5); 1.3

RECEIPT AND REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION (1.2); RECEIPT AND REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF DECLARATION BY BANK EMPLOYEE IN OPPOSITION (.9); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: SAME (.8) REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF CLIENT PROMISSORY NOTE AND DEED OF TRUST IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEFENSE MEMORANDUM (.6); RESEARCH RE: BANK HISTORY FROM WACHOVIA TO WELLS FARGO (.6); RESEARCH RE: RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR FOR SUBSEQUENT BANK TO BE LIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVIOUS BANK'S ACTIONS (1.0); REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF US TREASURY OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION AND COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY NAME CHANGE DOCUMENTS AND RESEARCH HISTORY AND STANDING ISSUES RE: SAME (1.4); .6.5

130618 TELECON WITH CLIENT RE: PAYMENTS WERE MISSED AND WHY (.5);
RESEARCH RE: NATIONAL MORTAGE SETTLEMENT "SAFE HARBOR" AS
ARGUED IN DEFENSE PAPERS AND PULL AND REVIEW SETTLEMENT AND
ATTACHMENTS (3.6); PREPARE DRAFT ARGUMENTS ON REPLY (1.2); PULL
AND ANALYZE WINTERBOWER CASE (.7); REVIEW HOBR LEGISLATION RE:
SAFE HARBOR AND RESEARCH CASES DISCUSSING SAME (.9); 6.9

130619

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CONTINUE REVIEW OF NATIONAL MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT SAFE HARBOR DOCUMENTS AND RESEARCH CASE PURPORTING TO GRANT SAFE HARBOR AND SHEPHERDIZE AUTHORITY CITED WINTERBOWER DECISION AS CITED BY OPPOSING COUNSEL (1.9); RESEARCH LEGAL STANDARD FOR CITATION TO UNPUBLISHED DECISIONS (.4); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN TO STRATEGIZE RE: SAFE HARBOR AND MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT ARGUMENT (.8); PREPARATION OF MEMO TO FILE RE: SUMMARY OF ISSUES AND POTENTIAL RESPONSES (.9): PREPARE FURTHER DRAFT REPLY ARGUMENT ON ISSUE OF UNPUBLISHED DECISIONS AND WINTERBOWER AND ITS UNDERLYING RATIONALES AND SAFE HARBOR ARGUMENT (1.3); RESEARCH RETROACTIVITY OF STATUTES ISSUE (2.5); RESEARCH CASES AND SHEPHERDIZE SAME BASED ON PRIOR ARGUMENTS BY SAME LAW FIRM REGARDING RETROACTIVITY (1.0); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: RETROACTIVITY RESEARCH (.5); PREPARATION OF MEMORANDUM TO FILE SUMMARIZING ARGUMENT AND POTENTIAL AVENUES OF REPLY (.8); PREPARATION OF DRAFT ARGUMENT ON REPLY RE: RETROACTIVITY (1.0): MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: FURTHER ISSUES AND POTENTIAL PRESENTAITON OF SAME (.4); 9.7

REVIEW AND REVISE DRAFT ARGUMENTS ON SAFE HARBOR AND RETROACTIVITY (2.8); REVIEW BANK ARGUMENT RE: COMPLETE LOAN

MODIFICATION APPLICATION SUBMITTED (.5); TELECON WITH CLIENT RE: SAME (.3); REVIEW RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION (.8); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN TO STRATEGIZE RE: DOCUMENTATION IN SUPPORT OF REFUTING CONTENTION THAT MODIFICATION APPLICATION WAS INCOMPLETE (1.0); PREPARATION OF POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS ON REBUTTAL (1.3); PREPARATION OF MEMORANDUM SUMMARIZING BANK ARGUMENTS AND POTENTIAL AVENUES OF REPLY (.9); RESEARCH CIVIL CODE RE: COMPLETE APPLICATION AND DECLARATION OF DOLAN DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING BANK POSITION (.7); FURTHER TELECON WITH CLIENT (.3); 8.6

130621

REVIEW AND ANALYZE ARGUMENT RE: FEDERAL PREEMPTION UNDER HOME OWNER LOAN ACT (.8); REVIEW AND ANALYZE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY BANK ON DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF ARGUMENT (.5); PULL AND SHEPHERDIZE MABRY AND PROGENY (1.0); PULL AND READ ZLOTNIK (1.0); SHEPHERDIZE ZLOTNIK (.6); REVIEW CITATION TO UNPUBLISHED OPINIONS (.3); PULL AND SHEPHERDIZE DELEON V. WELLS FARGO BANK (.6); PULL AND SHEPHERDIZE SILVAS V. ETRADE (.6); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: STRATEGIZE ON REBUTTAL TO PREEMPTION ARGUMENT (1.0); PREPARATION OF DRAFT ARGUMENT IN REBUTTAL TO PREEMPTION ARGUMENT (1.1); RESEARCH FEDERAL PREEMPTION GENERALLY AND INSERT APPROPRIATE CASE LAW TO REPLY ARGUMENT (1.2); PREPARATION OF MEMORANDUM SUMMARIZING SAME (.9). 9.6

130622

CONTINUE COMPLETE AND REVISE PREPARATION OF REBUTTAL TO FEDERAL PREEMPTION ARGUMENT (4.0); TELEPHONE WITH CLIENT RE: FACT CHECK (.4); PULL AND SHEPHERDIZE STEBLEY V. LITTON CITED IN FOOTNOTE TO DEFENSE OPPOSITION (.6); REVISE AND EDIT ALL PAPERS TO FINAL ROUGH DRAFT (2.3); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN TO STRATEGIZE RE: FINAL ROUGH DRAFT OF REPLY REBUTTAL PAPERS AND SUGGESTED REVISIONS THERETO (1.0); 8.3

130623

PREPARATION OF REVISIONS TO REPLY FINAL ROUGH DRAFT AND INCORPORATE SUGGESTED CHANGES FOR READIBILITY AND PRESENTATION (3.0); CONTNUE AND COMPLETE FINAL DECLARATION OF BOLANOS (.8); CONTINUE AND COMPELTE FINAL REPLY DECLARATION OF SESE (.8); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: FINAL DRAFT (1.0); ASSEMBLE EXHIBITS TO DECLARATIONS (.8); PREPARE SHORT REPLY ARGUMENT ON BALANCE OF EQUITIES (1.0); READ AND RESEARCH ALCAREZ CASE CITED BY DEFENSE (.8). RESEARCH CASES RE: BOND ISSUE AND PREPARE REPLY ARGUMENT RE: SAME (1.0); 9.2

130624

MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: FINAL DRAFT AND SUGGESTED REVISIONS (.5); REVIEW REVISE AND FINALIZE FINAL DRAFT OF ALL DOCUMENTS IN

REPLY (1.0); PREPARE SAME FOR FILING AND FILE WITH COURT AND SCAN AND SERVE ON OPPOSING COUNSEL (1.5); 3.0

130630

ELECTRONIC MAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM OPPOSING COUNSEL RE: TRUSTEE BANKRUPTCY AND DEMAND TO TAKE INJUNCTIVE RELIEF MOTION OFF-CALENDAR (.2); EMERGENCY MEETING WITH DAUTERMAN RE: ADDRESS LATE FILED CONTENTIONS BY DEFENSE (1.5); LEGAL RESEARCH: DELAWARE BANKRUPTCY OF PARENT CORPORATION (1.3); LEGAL RESEARCH: CAL-WESTERN CORPORATION IN CALIFORNIA (.4); RESEARCH RE: MERS AND INTERCHANGEABILITY OF TRUSTEES (1.1); RESEARCH RE: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE WITH TRUSTEE ISSUES (.8); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN RE: STRATEGIZE TO PREPARE SUR-REPLY TO LATE FILED ISSUES RAISED BY DEFENSE (1.0); PREPARATION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AND DEFENSE COUNSEL ARGUMENTS (1.5); 7.8

130701

CONTINUE LEGAL RESEARCH ON TRUSTEE ISSUES RAISED IN OPPOSING COUNSEL'S DECLARATION AND REVIEW MOTIONS IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING TO CONTINUE ALL COMPANY OPERATIONS (2.2). ELECTRONIC MAIL CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGES WITH OPPOSING COUNSEL (.3); MEETING WITH DAUTERMAN RE: POSSIBLE ORAL ARGUMENT RESPONSES TO TRUSTEE BANKRUPTCY ISSUE RAISED IN LATE FILED PAPERS (.7); PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ORDER BASED ON COURT TENTATIVE RULING (.5); EMAIL WITH OPPOSING COUNSEL RE: PROPOSED ORDER (.2); MEET WITH CLIENT IN ADVANCE OF PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING (.5); PREPARATION FOR AND ATTENDANCE AT HEARING ON PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION (2.5); MEET WITH CLIENT RE: BOND REQUIREMENT (.8); RESEARCH BOND REQUIREMENT ISSUES (1.2); 8.9

130702

CONTINUE AND FOCUS LEGAL RESEARCH RE: FEES MOTION AND LODESTAR CALCULATION (2.0); LEGAL RESEARCH RE: ENHANCEMENT ON LODESTAR (2.0); PREPARATION OF DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES ON FEE MOTION (2.0); PREPARATION OF DECLARATION OF BOLANOS ISO MOTION (1.4); REVIEW REVISE AND FINALIZE MEMORANDUM AND DECLARATION (.9); MEET WITH DAUTERMAN AND INCORPORATE REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS (.8); 9.1

130703

REVIEW REVISE AND FINALIZE ATTORNEY FEE AND COST MOTION (2.5); RESEARCH RE: BOND A RECOVERABLE COST (1.0); 3.5

TOTAL HOURS:

142.8