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### **MIAMI-DADE CLERK TO LAUNCH ON-LINE FORECLOSURE AUCTIONS**

Saving money, increasing productivity and enhancing public accessibility and convenience, the Miami-Dade Clerk of Courts will launch a state of the art, easy to use on-line foreclosure AUCTION WEBSITE.

*“Embracing this technology is a Win-Win and couldn’t come at a better time!”* said Clerk Harvey Ruvin.

The Miami-Dade area ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in foreclosure filings with some 110,000 open foreclosures files, with new filings coming in at 7,000 cases a month.

Ruvin announced the site will go live on December 7<sup>th</sup> and hold its first online sales on Monday, January 11, 2010. The site will be open 24/7, giving participants the opportunity to research property information through site links to case file documents, perform appraisal mappings and generally to satisfy due diligence needs.

Users register at [www.miamidade.realforeclose.com](http://www.miamidade.realforeclose.com) and can make deposits, place bids, monitor auction activity and pay for their winning bids –all in the stress free convenience of their home, office or on their mobile laptop. The site focuses on fairness and security for all parties involved in the auction process, according to Ruvin.

Transitioning away from the traditional live Courthouse auctions will save some 25,000 annual hours of labor, which translates into nearly \$750,000 a year in potential savings. Additional benefits include backlog reduction and employee redeployments where needed.

Under the current auction system, with existing personnel, procedures, space and timing restrictions, approximately 450 auctions are held a week with the time between judgment and sale dates dramatically expanding. Once the transition is complete, the

online system is expected to at least triple the number of auctions held and to greatly shorten the time lag once the backlog is reduced.

In order to assure a seamless transition and compliance with all judicial needs in the auctions process, the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Joel Brown issued the Courts Administrative Order No. 09-09 A1, which among other things establishes a new form for foreclosure judgments. Clerk of Courts, Harvey Ruvin, has outlined the new Electronic Judicial Sales Procedures in Clerk of Courts Administrative Order No. 2009-07.

To introduce this exciting new service to the community, the Clerk, in cooperation with RealAuction.com, will be offering training classes for interested parties.

**Training Classes will be held at the  
Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center  
175 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Plaintiff Training Classes**

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Bidder Training Classes**

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
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**ADDITIONAL CLASSES WILL BE ADDED AND NOTICED, AS NEEDED**

Attendance is by registration only.

Please call (877) 361-7325 in advance to register.