

## **THE HOFFMAN LAW GROUP -- RECEIVER'S UPDATE NO. 1 (JULY 29, 2014)**

Mark J. Bernet, as Receiver for The Hoffman Law Group, provides the following update:

- Judge Cohn scheduled a hearing to be held on July 28, 2014, to determine whether the Temporary Restraining Order that he entered on July 16, 2014, should be converted into a preliminary injunction, or whether it should be dissolved. Such a hearing was required under the federal rules of civil procedure because a temporary restraining order can remain in effect for only a certain period of time, after which the Court must decide whether to dissolve it, or to convert it into a preliminary injunction. This is to provide the parties against whom the TRO was entered a fair opportunity to contest the matter. However, in this case the attorneys for The Hoffman Law Group and the attorneys for the CFPB and the Florida Attorney General agreed that the TRO should remain in place. The hearing therefore has been rescheduled, and will be held on August 28, 2014.

- The Hoffman Law Group affiliated with W. Scott Hannon, Esquire, of The Hannon Law Firm, LLC, for the purpose of filing lawsuits on behalf of certain consumers in federal courts in Maryland. Mr. Hannon reports that he has filed approximately 10 lawsuits, some of which contain more than one consumer as a plaintiff. Maryland consumers should contact Mr. Hannon for updates on those cases. His e-mail address is [scott@hannonlegal.com](mailto:scott@hannonlegal.com), and his telephone number is (410) 625-0001.

- The Hoffman Law Group affiliated with Michael A. Lehrman, Esquire, of the Law Office of Michael E. Herskowitz, Esq., for the purpose of filing lawsuits on behalf of certain consumers in federal courts in New York. Consumers who have lawsuits pending in New York should contact Mr. Lehrman for updates on those cases. His e-mail address is [mlehrman@lawofficemh.com](mailto:mlehrman@lawofficemh.com), and his telephone number in Brooklyn is (718) 998-5088.

- Consumers are encouraged to contact other attorneys to assist them with pending matters. Here are links for consumers who need immediate help with their lenders and servicers outside of their pending litigation.

<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/find-a-housing-counselor/>

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm>

- The Florida Bar has posted the following information on its website for consumers facing foreclosure-related issues:

### **Help in the foreclosure crisis**

- ❖ A variety of web resources for families facing foreclosure and attorneys helping them is available from [The Florida Bar's Consumer Protection Law Committee](#).

❖ [Florida's Attorney General](#) has more than 50 investigations open against mortgage fraud and foreclosure rescue firms. Find out how to protect you and your home.

❖ For a referral to an attorney for a low-fee consultation, contact [The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service](#) (1-800-342-8011).

❖ If you are at risk of foreclosure, free housing counseling is available through [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) or [NeighborWorks National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling](#).

❖ If you have been served with foreclosure papers, contact your local legal office immediately at [www.floridalawhelp.org](http://www.floridalawhelp.org) ( Find Local Assistance).