

~ FREE LEGAL HELP ~

for homeowners in foreclosure

FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE CLINIC

Tuesdays, 9 – 11 AM

Dane County Courthouse

215 S. Hamilton St., Room L1007 (Legal Resource Center)

No appointment necessary. Please bring your legal papers to the session.

Homeowners in foreclosure can receive **FREE LEGAL HELP** at the **FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE CLINIC**. Volunteer lawyers and trained law students from the U.W. Law School's Consumer Law Clinic provide homeowners with basic information about the foreclosure process and help them respond to the foreclosure lawsuit. The Foreclosure Assistance Clinic has helped over 250 homeowners.

Homeowners who participate in the foreclosure lawsuit have more control over the process and a better chance for a favorable outcome.

Filing a written response to the lawsuit (an "Answer") is one of the critical steps a homeowner **MUST TAKE**, even if s/he is communicating with the lender and/or working on options such as a loan modification or short sale.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE because homeowners have only **20 CALENDAR DAYS** from the date they receive the initial lawsuit papers (the Summons and Complaint) to file a timely Answer.

Homeowners who do not file an Answer to the lawsuit lose a valuable opportunity to tell the judge about their situations and may not be notified of important steps in the court process of foreclosure.

Additional Resources

U.W. Law School Consumer Law Clinic's Foreclosure Helpline: (608) 263-9574

The Foreclosure Assistance Clinic is a collaborative effort among the Dane County Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, the Dane County Bar Association and the U.W. Law School, with grant funding from the State Bar of Wisconsin and other support from Dane County. The Task Force is a coalition of public agencies, non-profit service providers and other community partners working together to develop sustainable alternatives to foreclosure in Dane County. This flyer produced by the U.W. Law School Consumer Law Clinic, 975 Bascom Mall, Madison, WI 53706.