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San Diego Superior Court Bans Trustee Sales In Front Of Court Facilities

Starting September 1, 2011, trustee sales related to non-judicial foreclosures will no longer be allowed on the grounds of San Diego Superior Court facilities.

The reason for the change is that the number of such sales and the number of people participating in them increased at 220 West Broadway in downtown San Diego to the point that these activities obstructed access to the court and posed a safety and security hazard by blocking the exterior view for security officers. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department, which provides security for the courthouse, has recommended the trustee sales not be allowed to continue.

"Out of tradition, these sales have been held on the steps of the courthouse from a time when such sales were conducted by the court," says Executive Officer Michael Roddy. "That is no longer the case; these are commercial activities being conducted on public property. These sales not only lack proper permits for conducting business in such a manner but they impact court business."

Notices have been posted to ensure all sales activities cease no later than August 31st. Notices are also being mailed to trust companies that have previously conducted sales at the downtown courthouse. The Superior Courts in Riverside and Los Angeles Counties have also taken steps recently to discontinue this practice at their facilities.

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