

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST DEPARTMENT

In the matter of the application of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (as Trustee under various Pooling and Servicing Agreements and Indenture Trustee under various Indentures), *et al.*

Petitioners,

for an order, pursuant to C.P.L.R. § 7701, seeking judicial instructions and approval of a proposed settlement.

Index No. 651786/2011

**PRE-ARGUMENT  
STATEMENT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned Intervenors-Appellants in this matter respectfully submit this pre-argument statement pursuant to § 600.17 of the Rules of this Court.

1. **Full Title of Action:** *In the Matter of the Application of the Bank of New York Mellon (as Trustee under various Pooling and Servicing Agreements and Indenture Trustee under various Indentures), BlackRock Financial Management Inc. (intervenor), Kore Advisors, L.P. (intervenor), Maiden Lane, LLC (intervenor), Maiden Lane II, LLC (intervenor), Maiden Lane III, LLC (intervenor), Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (intervenor), Trust Company of the West and affiliated companies controlled by The TCW Group, Inc. (intervenor), Neuberger Berman Europe Limited (intervenor), Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (intervenor), Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. (intervenor), Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (intervenor), Invesco Advisers, Inc. (intervenor), Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (intervenor), Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg (intervenor), LBBW Asset Management (Ireland) plc, Dublin (intervenor), ING Bank fsb (intervenor), ING Capital LLC (intervenor), ING Investment Management LLC (intervenor), New York Life Investment Management LLC (intervenor), Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and its affiliated companies (intervenor), AEGON USA Investment Management LLC, authorized signatory for Transamerica Life Insurance Company, AEGON Financial Assurance Ireland Limited, Transamerica Life International (Bermuda) Ltd., Monumental Life Insurance Company, Transamerica Advisors Life Insurance Company, AEGON Global Institutional Markets, plc, LIICA Re II, Inc., Pine Falls Re, Inc., Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company, Stonebridge Life insurance Company, and Western Reserve Life Assurance Co. of Ohio (intervenor), Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (intervenor), Bayerische Landesbank (intervenor), Prudential Investment Management, Inc. (intervenor), Western Asset Management Company (intervenor) Petitioners, for an order, pursuant*

to CPLR § 7701, seeking judicial instructions and approval of a proposed settlement.

2. **Full Names of Original Parties:**

- a. **Petitioners:** The Bank of New York Mellon, BlackRock Financial Management Inc. (intervenor), Kore Advisors, L.P. (intervenor), Maiden Lane, LLC (intervenor), Maiden Lane II, LLC (intervenor), Maiden Lane III, LLC (intervenor), Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (intervenor), Trust Company of the West and affiliated companies controlled by The TCW Group, Inc. (intervenor), Neuberger Berman Europe Limited (intervenor), Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (intervenor), Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. (intervenor), Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (intervenor), Invesco Advisers, Inc. (intervenor), Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (intervenor), Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg (intervenor), LBBW Asset Management (Ireland) plc, Dublin (intervenor), ING Bank fsb (intervenor), ING Capital LLC (intervenor), ING. Investment Management LLC (intervenor), New York Life Investment Management LLC (intervenor), Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and its affiliated companies (intervenor), AEGON USA Investment Management LLC, authorized signatory for Transamerica Life Insurance Company, AEGON Financial Assurance Ireland Limited, Transamerica Life International (Bermuda) Ltd., Monumental Life Insurance Company, Transamerica Advisors Life Insurance Company, AEGON Global Institutional Markets, plc, LIICA Re II, Inc., Pine Falls Re, Inc., Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company, Stonebridge Life insurance Company, and Western Reserve Life Assurance Co. of Ohio (intervenor), Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (intervenor), Bayerische Landesbank (intervenor), Prudential Investment Management, Inc. (intervenor), and Western Asset Management Company (intervenor).
- b. **Intervenors/Objectors:** Cranberry Park II LLC; Cranberry Park LLC; Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco; Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle; TM1 Investors, LLC; Walnut Place II LLC; Walnut Place III LLC; Walnut Place IV LLC; Walnut Place IX LLC; Walnut Place LLC; Walnut Place V LLC; Walnut Place VI LLC; Walnut Place VII LLC; Walnut Place VIII LLC; Walnut Place X LLC; Walnut Place XI LLC; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; RMBS Acquisition Co, LLC; Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston; Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago; Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis; Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh; City of Grand Rapids General Retirement System; City of Grand Rapids Police and Fire Retirement System; Retirement Board of the Policeman's Annuity and Benefit fund of the City of Chicago; The Westmoreland County Employee Retirement System; The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company; Western-Southern Life Assurance Company; Columbus Life Insurance Company; Integrity Life Insurance Company; National Integrity Life Insurance Company; Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. (on behalf of Fort Washington Active Fixed Income LLC); Mortgage Bond Portfolio LLC; Triaxx Prime CDO 2006-1, Ltd.; Triaxx

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- c. The parties in the original action have changed. The following parties to the original action have withdrawn from the proceeding: Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco; Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle; TM1 Investors, LLC; Walnut Place II LLC; Walnut Place III LLC; Walnut Place IV LLC; Walnut Place IX LLC; Walnut Place LLC; Walnut Place V LLC; Walnut Place VI LLC; Walnut Place VII LLC; Walnut Place VIII LLC; Walnut Place X LLC; Walnut Place XI LLC; Oriental Bank and Trust; Maine State Retirement System; Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers; Vermont Pension Investment Committee; Washington State Plumbing and Pipefitting Pension Trust; LibreMax Capital LLC; Clayhill Investors LLC; Syncora Guarantee Inc.; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; RMBS Acquisition Co, LLC; Federal Housing Finance Agency as Conservator for the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; National Credit Union Administration Board as Liquidating Agent of US Central Federal Credit Union; Western Corp. Fed. Credit Union; Members United Corp. Fed. Credit Union, Southwest Corp. Fed. Credit Union; Constitution Corp. Fed. Credit Union.

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6. **Court from Which Appeal Is Taken:** Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York (Kapnick, J.).

7. **Nature and Object of the Action:** This is an Article 77 proceeding brought by the Petitioner, the Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee acting on behalf of certificateholders for 530 separate residential-mortgage backed securities trusts seeking judicial instructions and approval of a proposed settlement agreement to settle claims that the Bank of New York Mellon may have brought against the Bank of America and Countrywide, for alleged servicing and mortgage origination failures. In conjunction with its petition, the Bank of New York Mellon seeks through its Proposed Order and Final Judgment at least 18 separate factual findings related to the Bank of New York Mellon's conduct in negotiating and entering the proposed settlement agreement, as well as a release of all claims that certificateholders have or

would have in the future related to the Bank of New York Mellon's conduct with respect to its negotiation and entry into the proposed settlement on behalf of all certificateholders.

8. **Result Reached Below:** In a Decision and Order dated May 21, 2013, the Supreme Court granted Petitioners' order to show cause to strike Intervenors' jury demand, despite the fact that CPLR § 410 expressly provides parties to special proceedings with the right to demand a jury on all *issues* triable of right by jury.

The undersigned Intervenors appeal from the Decision and Order entered in the offices of the Clerk of the Court on May 21, 2013, and from every part thereof. A copy of the Decision and Order, along with the NYSCEF Confirmation Notice, the May 20, 2013 hearing transcript incorporated into the Decision and Order by reference, and the accompanying Notice of Entry, served by undersigned via NYSCEF on May 28, 2013, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9. **Grounds for Seeking Reversal:** The ground for seeking reversal is that the trial court improperly struck Intervenors' jury demand despite the plain language of CPLR § 410, which allows for a jury trial in special proceedings on all "issues" triable of right by jury. This Article 77 proceeding qualifies because the Bank of New York Mellon seeks not only prospective guidance about a proposed settlement agreement that it has entered into on behalf of all certificateholders, but also factual findings related to the Bank of New York Mellon's conduct in negotiating and entering the proposed settlement agreement and to eliminate legal claims that would be jury-triable as a matter of constitutional right.

10. **Related Actions or Proceedings:** There are no additional appeals pending in this action. The original proceeding remains pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, Index No. 651786/2011.

**Dated this 28th day of May, 2013.**

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