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Comparing Hillsborough's Dismissal rate to other Florida counties

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My colleague, foreclosure defense attorney Matt Weidner, just re-posted the [Foreclosure and Economic Recovery Status Report](#) which came out a few months back, openly wondering how Hillsborough County could have had only 226 foreclosure cases dismissed in the 12-month period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

This got me looking closer at the report, and something really, really jumped out at me.

Take a [close look](#) at page 3. Do you see, not only that the Hillsborough court dismissed just 226 cases, a very low number compared to other counties, but also that it entered 6,530 summary judgments?

Think about that ratio for a minute. 226 dismissals versus 6,530 summary judgments. That's 29 summary judgments for every dismissal – a ratio of 29:1.

Now look at the other counties on the chart. Do you see any other counties with that type of ratio? I sure don't – there aren't any.

In the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit (Broward), the ratio is less than 2:1.

In the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit (Palm Beach), the ratio is approximately 1:1.

In the Twelfth Judicial Circuit (Manatee and Sarasota), there were more dismissals than summary judgments!

In the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Pinellas and Pasco), the ratio is 4:1.

Incredibly, 4:1 is the highest ratio of any county in Florida other than Hillsborough, and the ratio in Hillsborough is 29:1.

Think about that for a minute, and ask yourself... with 20 judicial circuits in Florida, why does Hillsborough have such an astronomically higher ratio of summary judgments to dismissals than every other circuit in Florida? Simply from a statistical standpoint, an outlier like this cannot be a coincidence ... can it?

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CASECLARITY says:

October 29, 2011 at 9:15 pm



One view of this 29:1 summary judgment/dismissal ratio is that Hillsborough County will likely have many more defective real property titles than other Florida counties. Buyers beware.

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Mark Stopa says:

October 29, 2011 at 9:37 pm

Good point.

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