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MAINE ATTORNEY TOM COX JOINS NATIONAL CONSUMER LAW CENTER AS OF COUNSEL IN FORECLOSURE DEFENSE WORK

(BOSTON) Thomas A. Cox has joined National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) as Of Counsel focusing on foreclosure defense and mortgage issues. “The National Consumer Law Center is pleased and honored to have Tom Cox join us, as he is a groundbreaking advocate for consumers,” noted National Consumer Law Center Executive Director Willard Ogburn. “Tom’s past work on behalf of homeowners facing foreclosure revealed the widespread practice of robo-signing and triggered what became the \$25 billion national settlement with five of the nation’s largest banks. His future work with NCLC will help bring more justice to victims of foreclosure and credit abuse.”

Cox has more than 30 years of private practice experience in residential and commercial loan documentation and litigation matters, including the representation of major regional and national lenders as well as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). He also has significant experience training other attorneys in residential foreclosure defense and litigation practices, most recently as an instrumental participant in the Maine Attorney’s Saving Homes program of the Maine Volunteer Lawyer Project and in the start-up of Maine’s foreclosure mediation program, providing training and consultation to lawyers representing homeowners in foreclosure mediation. Cox was also a consultant to Maine’s Pine Tree Legal Assistance regarding the litigation strategies of its foreclosure prevention program. He has testified before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the national Purpose Prize in 2012 for his training of other attorneys in protecting homeowners from unfair lending practices. Cox received his J.D. from the Boston University School of Law.

“My goal in my work for Maine homeowners over the past five years was to create, and sometimes force, recognition in the judicial system of the manner in which homeowners were abused during the foreclosure crisis, and it has been gratifying to see that such efforts can lead to positive change,” said Cox. “This opportunity to join forces with NCLC will surely enhance my ability to continue that work and make it increasingly successful, in Maine and on a national level. I consider it a great honor to be invited to participate in the work of the National Consumer Law Center for consumer justice.”

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