



# ***ACLU Challenges Lack of Due Process Protections in Florida's "Foreclosure Courts"***

**Lee County Plaintiff Will Be Available For Comment and Interview**

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**Cape Coral** – The ACLU Foundation on Thursday will file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland, Florida, requesting the Court review and rule on the process and procedures used in the "Foreclosure Courts" in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties).

The Writ alleges serious violations of due process and systemic deficiencies in the "Foreclosure Courts" which result in a loss of protections for homeowners. It requests the Court move the plaintiff's pending foreclosure action from the "Foreclosure Courts" to regular circuit court proceedings.

The plaintiff in the case is a Cape Coral resident who will be available tomorrow in front of her home at:

**Thursday, April 7, 2011  
1:30pm  
2723 SW 17 PL  
Cape Coral, FL 33914**

The plaintiff will be joined by ACLU of Florida Associate Legal Director Maria Kayanan who will be able to answer questions about the legal challenge.

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