

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage
Servicing,

Plaintiff,

v.

Michael J. Ackerman; South Carolina
Department of Revenue,

Defendant(s)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO.: 2021-CP-23-06121

**MASTER IN EQUITY'S ORDER AND JUDGMENT OF
FORECLOSURE AND SALE**

DEFICIENCY WAIVED

Pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure (hereinafter "SCRCP"), the above-entitled matter was referred to the undersigned Master in Equity to make appropriate findings of fact and conclusions of law, with authority to enter a final Judgment in the cause. Any appeal from the decision of the Master in Equity shall be directly to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Pursuant to the said reference, a hearing was held on January 29, 2024, a record was made which is reported herewith, and from the testimony and evidence I find and conclude as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The Lis Pendens was filed on December 23, 2021.
2. The Summons and Complaint were filed on December 23, 2021.
3. Service was made upon the Defendants as shown by the proofs of service filed herein.
4. The Defendant Michael J. Ackerman is in default as shown by Affidavit filed herein.
5. According to an Affidavit filed herein, no Defendant in default is in the military service of the United States of America, as contemplated under the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act fka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto.

6. The Defendant South Carolina Department of Revenue answered in this action.

7. All Defendants were notified of the time, date and place of hearing in this matter.

8. For value received, Michael J. Ackerman made, executed and delivered a note, dated July 26, 2007, promising thereby to pay to the order of USAA Federal Savings Bank the sum of \$142,500.00 with interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum (hereinafter "Note"). Other terms and conditions are stated in the note, which is of record herein.

9. To better secure the payment of the Note described above, the said Michael J. Ackerman made, executed and delivered a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, in writing, dated July 26, 2007, covering real property in Greenville County, which is the same as that described in the Complaint. The Mortgage was recorded on August 20, 2007, and is of record in the Greenville County Registry in Book 4835 at page 1726.

10. This mortgage constitutes a valid first lien on the subject property.

11. Thereafter, the Mortgage was assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded on December 15, 2010 in Book 5104 at Page 587. Thereafter, the Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on May 17, 2013 in Book 5213 at Page 3208. Thereafter, the Mortgage was assigned to Ditech Financial, LLC by assignment recorded on in Book SUCCESSOR at Page BY MERGER. Thereafter, the Mortgage was assigned to New Residential Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded on September 1, 2017 in Book 5404 at Page 1814. Thereafter, the Mortgage was assigned to LoanCare, LLC by assignment recorded on February 19, 2020 in Book 5520 at Page 4499. Thereafter, the Mortgage was assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded on September 15, 2023 in Book MO 5749 at Page 1956.

12. Subsequently, Michael J. Ackerman did make, execute and deliver to Ditech Financial LLC (servicer for the loan at the time of the modification), its successors and assigns, a certain Loan Modification Agreement, dated 06/07/2017, amending and supplementing the Note and Mortgage described above. By virtue of the Loan Modification Agreement, the unpaid principal balance was modified to \$139,801.73, together with interest at the rate of 4.25% per annum on the unpaid balance.

13. The titleholder of record of the Property as of the filing of the Lis Pendens in this action was Michael J. Ackerman.

14. Payment due on the Note has not been made as provided for therein, and the Plaintiff, as the holder thereof, has elected to accelerate payment of the entire indebtedness and has placed the Note and Mortgage in the hands of its attorney of record herein for collection.

15. Having considered the nature, extent and difficulty of the services rendered (the field of mortgage foreclosures being a specialized area of practice); the time involved in reviewing the various loan documents, performing the title search, preparing the pleadings and preparing for and attending hearings; the professional standing of the Plaintiff's attorney; the fee customarily charged in this jurisdiction for similar services; and the beneficial results obtained for the Plaintiff, I find that the sum of \$2,942.50 is a reasonable attorney's fee for the Plaintiff's attorney for services performed up to this point in time under the terms of the note and mortgage. Performance of additional services may result in a determination by this court that additional reasonable attorney's fees are due.

16. The amount due and owing on the Note and Mortgage, with interest at the rate provided in the Note, and other costs and expenses of collection, including attorney's fees, secured by the Note and Mortgage, is as follows:

Principal Due as of Today's Date:	01/29/2024		\$137,024.38
Accrued Interest From:	06/01/2019	to: 11/30/2023	\$ 26,183.06
Per diem Interest From:	12/01/2023	to: 01/29/2024	\$ 941.05
Accruing at:	4.25% per annum		
Late Charges:			\$ 372.27
Prior Servicer Escrow			\$ 11,425.35
P.M.I./M.I.P.:			\$ 143.88
Property Preservation:			\$ 180.00
Property Inspections:			\$ 175.00
Corporate Advances			\$ 120.00
Positive Escrow Balance:			\$ (214.89)
Costs of Collection Prior to Hearing:			\$ 934.03
Attorney's Fees:			\$ 2,942.50

17. Total Debt secured by Note and Mortgage, is \$180,226.63. Interest shall be added to the total debt at the rate stated above until the date a judicial sale is conducted herein. Additional interest accrual after the date of such judicial sale will be governed by terms set forth herein below.

18. The Plaintiff is seeking foreclosure of its mortgage and has, in the Complaint or subsequently thereto in writing, expressly Waived the right to a personal or deficiency Judgment pursuant to Rule 71(b), SCRPC.

19. The Defendant(s), below listed, claim or may claim liens upon or interests in the subject property; and in the event there is a surplus from the sale of the subject property, the validity, priority and amount of any such lien claims will be determined at a hearing subsequent to the sale, in accordance with Rule 71(c), SCRPC. The said Defendants and such claims or liens are as follows:

The Defendant, South Carolina Department of Revenue has or may claim to have some interest in the Property by virtue of a revenue tax lien against Michael J. Ackerman, in the original principal amount of \$841.96, which lien was recorded/filed or assigned to Defendant in the Greenville County Records on 11/06/2020 as Tax Lien No.: 781933. Said lien is junior and subordinate to Plaintiff's mortgage and is hereby

ordered removed from the title to the Property.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW: I, therefore, conclude as follows:

1. The Plaintiff is entitled to judgment as to all causes of action, including foreclosure of its Mortgage.
2. The Property should be ordered sold at public auction after due advertisement.
3. That there is due to the Plaintiff on its Note and Mortgage the sum of \$180,226.63, representing the Total Debt due to the Plaintiff as outlined above.
4. That the amount due in the preceding paragraph (the "Total Debt") and later accrued interest and costs shall constitute the total judgment debt due to the Plaintiff and shall bear interest as previously set forth at the rate of 4.25% per annum.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. That the Defendant(s) liable for the aforesaid Mortgage debt shall, prior to the date and time of the sale of the Property, hereinafter described, pay to the Plaintiff, or the Plaintiff's attorney, the amount of the Plaintiff's debt to include continuing accruing interest as aforesaid, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.
2. That on default of payment prior to the date and time of the sale, the Property, hereinafter described, shall be sold by the undersigned Master in Equity at public auction, at the Greenville County Courthouse, City of Greenville, County and State aforesaid, on some convenient sales day hereafter, on the following terms, that is to say:
 - A. FOR CASH: The undersigned Master in Equity shall require a deposit of 5% on the amount of the bid (in cash or equivalent) the same to be applied on the purchase price only upon compliance with the bid, but in case of non-compliance within thirty (30) days

the same to be forfeited and first applied to the costs incurred by the Plaintiff related to the sale and the balance then applied to the Plaintiff's debt in a manner suitable to the Plaintiff.

B. Interest on the balance of the bid shall be paid to the day of compliance at the rate of 4.25% per annum.

C. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record, and any other senior encumbrances.

D. Purchaser to pay for the deed and the cost of recording the deed.

3. If the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the said sale, for a sum not exceeding the amount of costs, expenses and the indebtedness of the Plaintiff in full, the Plaintiff may pay to the undersigned Master in Equity only the amount of the costs and expenses, crediting the balance of the bid on the Plaintiff's indebtedness.
4. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately.
5. That the undersigned Master in Equity will, by advertisement according to law, give notice of the time and place of sale and the terms thereof; and that he/she will execute to the purchaser, or purchasers, a deed to the Property sold. The Plaintiff, or any other party to this action, or any other person may become a purchaser at such sale. If such sale is made to anyone other than the Plaintiff or its assignee, should the successful bidder, or his/her assignee, fail to comply with the terms thereof within thirty (30) days after the date of sale, then the undersigned Master in Equity or the Plaintiff may re-advertise the Property for sale on the next, or some other subsequent, sales

day, according to the same terms set forth herein, and so on from time to time thereafter until a full compliance shall be secured.

6. In the event an agent of the Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.
7. That the undersigned Master in Equity shall apply the proceeds of the sale as follows:
 - FIRST: To the payment of the amount of the costs and expenses of this action, including any Guardian Ad Litem fee or fees of attorneys appointed under Order of Court; and
 - NEXT: To the payment of the amount to the Plaintiff, or the Plaintiffs Attorney, of the amount of the Plaintiff's debt and interest (including attorney fees) or so much thereof as the purchase money will pay on the same; and
 - NEXT: Any surplus will be held pending further Order of this Court pursuant to Rule 71(c), SCRPC.
8. That it is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each Defendant named herein, and all persons whomsoever claiming under him, them or it, be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title, interest, lien, and equity of redemption in the said mortgaged premises so sold, or any part thereof.
9. That it is further ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the deed of conveyance made pursuant to this judgment and said sale shall contain the names of only the Plaintiff, the first-named Defendant, who was the title holder of the mortgaged property at the time of the filing of the Lis Pendens, and the Grantee; and that the Greenville

County Register of Deeds is hereby authorized to omit from the indices pertaining to such conveyance the names of all parties not contained in said deed.

10. It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that in the event the successful bidder to whom the deed of conveyance has been issued subsequent to the sale is other than the Defendants in possession herein, the Sheriff of Greenville County may be ordered and directed to eject and remove from the premises the occupants of the property sold, together with all personal property located thereon, and put the successful bidder to whom the deed of conveyance has been issued or his assigns in full, quiet and peaceable possession of said premises without delay, and to keep said successful bidder or his assigns in such peaceable possession.
11. That it is further ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that after the Order Confirming Sale and Disbursements has been issued and filed, the undersigned Master in Equity shall direct the Register of Deeds to release of record the lien(s) being foreclosed, which lien(s) are described in the Findings of Fact herein above.
12. That it is further ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the following is a description of the Property herein ordered to be sold:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL AND LOT OF LAND WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN GREENVILLE, THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 59, WESTMINSTER VILLAGE, SECTION 1 ON A SURVEY PREPARED BY FREELAND AND ASSOCIATES, INC. DATED JANUARY 14, 1999 ENTITLED "SURVEY FOR LOUIS CORDIER" AS RECORDED IN THE RMC OFFICE FOR GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA IN PLAT BOOK 39-L AT PAGE 84 AND HAVING SUCH METES AND BOUNDS AS

SHOWN

THEREON.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO MICHAEL J. ACKERMAN AND W. DARA ACKERMAN BY DEED OF LOUIS

CORDIER DATED JULY 30, 1999 AND RECORDED AUGUST 2, 1999 IN BOOK 1855 AT PAGE 918 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEREAFTER, W. DARA ACKERMAN CONVEYED HER INTEREST IN SAID PROPERTY TO MICHAEL J. ACKERMAN BY QUITCLAIM DEED DATED AUGUST 28, 2001 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 5, 2001 IN BOOK 1966 AT PAGE 403 IN SAID RECORDS.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 102 Downing Pl, Greer, SC 29650

TMS: 0540.03-01-083.00

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

FORM 4

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
 IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2021-CP-23-06121

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
 PLAINTIFF(S)

Michael J. Ackerman; South Carolina Department of Revenue
 DEFENDANT(S)

<p>Submitted by: <u>Brock & Scott, PLLC</u> <u>Westpark Center</u> <u>3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110</u> <u>Columbia, SC 29210</u></p>	<p>Attorney for : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant or <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Represented Litigant</p>
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DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED** (*CHECK REASON*): Rule 12(b), SCRPC; Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); Other
- ACTION STRICKEN** (*CHECK REASON*): Rule 40(j), SCRPC; Bankruptcy; Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT** (*CHECK APPLICABLE BOX*):
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded; Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk :

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX		
Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.		
Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
		N/A
<p>If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order: ALL that certain piece, parcel and lot of land with all improvements located thereon, situate, lying and being in Greenville, the State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot 59, Westminster Village, Section 1 on a survey prepared by Freeland and Associates, Inc. dated January 14, 1999 entitled "Survey for Louis Cordier" as recorded in the RMC Office for Greenville County, South Carolina in Plat Book 39-L at Page 84 and having such metes and bounds as shown thereon.</p> <p>This being the same property conveyed to Michael J. Ackerman and W. Dara Ackerman by Deed of Louis Cordier dated July 30, 1999 and recorded August 2, 1999 in Book 1855 at Page 918 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Greenville</p>		

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County, South Carolina. Thereafter, W. Dara Ackerman conveyed her interest in said property to Michael J. Ackerman by Quitclaim Deed dated August 28, 2001 and recorded September 5, 2001 in Book 1966 at Page 403 in said Records.

The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. **Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details. E-Filing Note: In E-Filing counties, the Court will electronically sign this form using a separate electronic signature page.**

Circuit Court Judge	Judge Code	Date
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For Clerk of Court Office Use Only

This judgment was entered on the ____ day of _____, 2023 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this ____ day of _____, 2023 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.

This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.



Greenville Common Pleas

Case Caption: Newrez Llc , plaintiff, et al vs. Michael J Ackerman , defendant, et al

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And It Is So Ordered!

s/ Judge Charles B. Simmons, Jr. (3023)