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## Indiana Courts Address Mortgage Foreclosure Counterclaims and Joint Defense Agreements

By Timothy J. Abeska

Two recent cases, *Jaffiri v. JPMorgan Chase Bank* and *Price v. Charles Brown Charitable Remainder Unitrust Trust*, provide guidance on foreclosure counterclaims and joint defense agreements. Read more about what this means for Indiana practitioners and litigants.

## Whose Privilege Is It Anyway? In Illinois, Privilege Belongs to Accountant Rather Than Client

By Kenneth M. Gorenberg and Jill M. Fortney

In *Brunton v. Kruger*, the Illinois Supreme Court recently held that an accountant, not the client, has statutory power to decide whether to assert or waive privilege in response to a subpoena for information about the client. Learn more about this case and how this decision may affect the flow of information between clients and their accountants.

#### Attorney Fee Trends in Multi-District Litigation: What is "Common?"

By Jennifer R. Tudor and Alicia M. Raines

Multi-district litigation (MDL) results when several civil actions involving very similar facts in different federal districts are consolidated in order to promote judicial efficiency and effectiveness in the pretrial proceedings. Read more about MDL and keep up to date on fee assessment and allocation trends.

### The Perils of Redaction: Simple Steps to Protect Confidential Information

By Mark J. Crandley

Attorneys now have an obligation to redact many sorts of confidential information before submitting documents to courts. Learn more about a few basic redaction practices that may help you minimize the inadvertent disclosure of confidential information.

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